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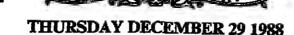
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Lockerbie evidence sparks massive hunt

Terrorist bomb destroyed jet

• Crash investigators confirmed that a bomb placed on Pan Am flight PA 103 cansed the Lockerbie air disaster in which 270 people died

• The announcement sparked a massive international bunt for the terrorists responsible, with the FBI joining Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad

international terrorist hunts was launched last night after crash investigators confirmed that a bomb had caused the Lockerbie air disaster which killed 270 people. The US Government is expected to offer a \$500,000 (£278,000) re-ward for information resulting in the capture of those responsible as the Federal Bureau of Investigation joins Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist squad and Scottish police in the hunt.

The investigation will focus initially on how and where the bomb was placed aboard Pan Am flight PA 103, which originated in Frankfurt and cootinued from Heathrow airport eight days ago. Last night the Department of Transport ordered airlines using British airports to take additional security measures oo all baggage stored in the hold of mcraft.

Confirmatioo that a bomb caused Britain's worst air disaster came after 24 hours of brilliant detective work by

INSIDE

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First Light All this week The Times is serializing Peter Ackroyd's latest novel. The fourth extract appears today on page 16. Charades

One of the biggest-ever Ministry of Defence scientists called in from their Christmas holidays.

Using a sophisticated array of laser and electronic equipment, the experts at the Royal Armament Research and Dev-elopment Establishment at Fort Halstead in Kent, found traces of explosives in two sections of a metal luggage pallet from the plane's for-ward baggage hold.

There was sufficient evi-dence to show that a highly sophisticated bomb, made

Forensic evidence Damages limit. Arab extremists. **Relatives' anger.** Men in court.

from plastic explosives, had been detonated there. The scientists also examined damaged fibre samples taken from the luggage hold through a scanning electron micrograph. They were able to tell that the fibre had been severed in a manner characteristic of

explosive damage. The Prime Minister and President Reagan were told of the findings shortly before they were announced simultaneously in Lockerbie and Whitehall, The State Depart-

ment declared immediately that a "vigorous" investigation was already under way to determine how the explosives were smuggled aboard. It made clear that it agreed

with the results of the British findings and emphasized that US authorities would con-

The confirmation came after 24 hours of brilliant detective work by Ministry of Defence scientists called in from their Christmas holidays

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By Harvey Elliott, Michael Evans, Ronal Faux and Tony Dawe

tinue to work closely with British investigators. "We are determined to get to the bottom of this and to find out who did it, using all available US resources, including the FBL," Mrs Phyllis Oakley, the State Department spokeswoman, said.

Additional FBI agents are being sent to Britain to try to find out which explosives and triggering mechanism were used. This could belp establish

who carried out the sabotage. Suspicion is expected to focus oo Palestinian splinter groups because of their known determinatioo to prevent a

political settlement of the Arab-Israel conflict. In Lockerbie, Mr John Boyd, the Chief Constable of

Dumfries and Galloway said the investigation had now developed into a criminal inquiry of international He said: "I have always been aware that this probabil-ity existed and because of this

I have ensured from the outset that the various elements comprising a criminal investigation, including national and international agencies, have been involved and kept

fully informed." Airlines were facing the prospect last night of massive delays as they prepared to check every piece of baggage for explosives in response to the Department of Transport order.

But their security chiefs urged them not to overreact to

The police investigation

Last hours of flight PA103

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

what could be a single isolate case of mass murder. "Security depends on react

ing to the perceived threat," said Mr Rodney Wallis, Direc-tor of Security for the Inter-national Air Traosport Association. "Despite what has hap-pened there is no discernible additional threat to aviation

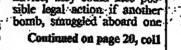
in general today than there was two weeks ago. What was needed urgently

he added, was a unified ap-proach to the whole problem throughout the industry so that intelligence could be gathered and preventive measures taken in those areas under specific threat.

"If such measures are im posed across the board on all airlines and on every route, it could bring real problems to airports which are already seriously congested," Mr Wallis said.

Even so in response to the Department of Transport's order, all airlines using British airports are almost certain to copy security measures al-ready in force with El Al in which bags are subjected to random searches and x-rays, and passengers not only have to identify their own bags but answer detailed questions about the cootents.

Although such a system could cause chaos at Heathrow airline chiefs fear that if they do not follow official advice, they could face pos-



'Please mummy, cut another finger'

TIMES

Quake ordeal of mother and child

Yerevan (AP) - The earth-quake that killed 55,000 and brought tragedy to countless Armenians continues to produce stories of bravery, like that of Susanna Petrosyan, a 26-year-old mother, who was huried alive for eight days under tons of smashed con-crete with her four-year-old daughter Gayaney. Their only food, a jar of jam, was gone.

"Mommy, I'm so thirsty, I want a drink," cried Gayaney. Susanna Petrosyan, 26. was trapped flat on her back. A prefahricated concrete panel 18 inches above her head and a crumpled water pipe above her shoulders kept her from standing. She wore only a slip, and it was bitterly cold. Beside her in the darkness

lay the lifeless body of her sister-in-law, Karine. She had been crushed by falling walls, and died pinned beceath rubble one day after the earthquake leveled much of Leninakan and other towns in oorthwest Armenia.

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"I thought my child was going to die of thirst," Susanna said later from her hospital bed. "I had no water, no fruit juice, no liquids. It was then 1 remembered that 1

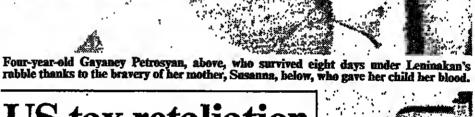
had my own hlood." Although she was trapped io darkness, she could slide oo her back from side to side. Her groping fingers, oumh from the cold, found a shattered glass. She sliced open her left index finger with a shard and gave it to her little girl to suck. The drops of blood weren't enough. "Please, Mummy, some more. Cut another fin-ger," Susanna remembers her daughter sayiog.

The woman made more cuts in her flesh, feeling nothing because of the bitter cold that descended after the quake. She put her hand to her child's mouth, squeezing her fingers to make more blood. come. "I knew I was going to die," Susanna said, "But I wanted my daughter to live." Around 11:30 a.m. oo the day of the quake, Susanna and Gayancy had been driven by Susanna's husband Gerkham, a shoemaker, to the apartment building on Leninakan's

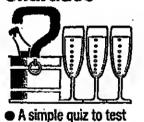
US tax retaliation fuels fears of cereals trade war

hreat by the US to impose

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor British ministers fear that the close contacts with his Ameri-



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SATURDAY

Party time Who are the world's

best party givers? On New Year's Eve, in colour, The Times draws up a starstudded guest list.

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the facilities of Frankfurt and Heathrow airports, viewed as among the safest in the world. Police will also pore over the sheets of airline docutransatlantic flight at Heathments that make up the row. All airport staff inpassenger list and cargo manifest. Somewhere among the names and addresses lies a volved with the flights and the passengers who transfered hidden story, which may prove to be the history of a will be questioned. terrorist prepared to underthey should have a full picture take a suicide mission or a dupe sent to his or her death.

Within hours of the crash Scotland Yard terrorist excrash aircraft. It may take much longer to build up perts were considering it biographies of all the pas-could have been caused by a sengers and crew. terrorist copying the example of Nezar Hindawi who tried to Police will recheck records

to ensure no passengers got off at Heathrow and left their blow up an El Al flight in 1986 using the luggage of his luggage to be taken on.

The three-nation police in-vestigation into the bombing The BKA federal police in of PA 103 will concentrate on West Germany and the Yard's gesting there could be a breakdown of the system for anti-terrorist branch will conchecking bags against their centrate their initial efforts oo checking security for the linkowners.

ing flight from Frankfurt Gradually a list of possible which connected with the suspects will emerge. They may be people whose home addresses do not tally or even exist.

If the bomber was an innocent victim, relatives or friends may tell of passengers who did a favour for a friend. By the time the British and German police are finished perhaps a recently acquired one, and agreed to pack an of the key last hours of the extra Christmas present or parcel on their behalf for at the wrong time. delivery in the United States. In 1986 Hindawi provided

the bag, did the packing and set the timer and detonator hidden inside a calculator on the way to the airport.

100 per cent taxes on a Richard Lyng and his successelection of European food sor-to-be Mr Clayton Yeutter, products could escalate into a currently the US trade reprefar more damaging trade war sentative, has assured the on cereals. Britain is likely to Americans that the European have to play a crucial bridging move is in fact a perfectly role in preventing a huge genuine one, reflecting the dispute between the two tradwish of the member states not ing blocs.

to permit hormone-growth Mr John MacGregor, the meat to be sold in their shops for health reasons. But Britain voted against the ban oo the Minister of Agriculture, warned his Commoo Market grounds that scientific evicounterparts earlier this year dence assessed by a group led that if they insisted in going by Professor Erie Lamming, of ahead with plans to ban the import of American beef Nottingham University, did treated with growth hormones they could provoke a totally not suggest there was any dan-

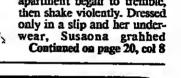
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unnecessary and unfortunate trade war. In effect he told EEC accused. No bazard them that they were pitching their fight on the wrong issue ger to human or animal health.

By threatening to double the The American tax, due to price of a number of European start on January 1, is designed. food products on the shelves as retaliation for the European of American supermarkets the US authorities have angered Community ban which the Americans believe is purely a producers and governments in West Germany, The Netherlands, Denmark and Italy, who will suffer considtrade barrier designed to protect European markets for Mr MacGregor, who has

erable trade losses. The fear now is that further tit-for-tat measures on both sides will lead to a breakdown of world trade talks under the auspices long, did it? of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, expected to resume in April.

Britain will not suffer significant loss of trade at this stage. The American taxes have been framed in such a way that, of the list of products facing extra duty, between only 2 and 3 per cent repre-sents British sales to America, with pet food the main item. Mr MacGregor said yes-terday: "It's not going to affect the UK very much but it's an **Continued on page 20, col 5**









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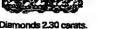
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Moscow eases travel curbs By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent The Soviet Union yesterday by MPs and pressure groups. Governments of its good in-

The timiog is bound to in-

crease the dilemma of the

British Government, which will have to decide soon

Accumulator There was one winner of yesterday's Portfolio Accumulator (see page 3). The Accumulator fund

stands at £80,000 - or there is the £4,000 daily prize to be won. Prices: page 25.

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The imminence of the Britproposal ish decision, which may be Moscow is making intense taken as soon as next week, has touched off fierce lobbying efforts to convince Western

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took another step to brush up A full-page advertisement in tentions. There has been a its human rights image by The Times yesterday was stream of proposals for revealing plans to allow its signed by 170 MPs who changes in the law which its human rights image by *The Times* yesterday was stream of proposals for revealing plans to allow its signed by 170 MPs who changes in the law which citizens to travel more freely. argued that British support for would bring the Soviet Union よう such a conference would be more into line with its commitments under the 1975 Helsinki Accords. The latest, a plan to lift many of the restrictions on foreign travel,

it would probably help to soften the British attitude. Britain, together with the Continued on page 20, col 5



Prince of Wales' first winner fails a dope test

By Christopher Goulding

Worcester on December 5.

inevitable that the Prince will lose the race and Gaselee will incur a mini-Devils Elbow, the Prince Of Wales's mum fine of £1,000. Rule 53 of the first wioner as a racehorse owner and breeder, has failed a dope test after carrying his scarlet and royal blue Rules of Racing states: "If the result of analysis of any sample of its tissue, body fluid or excreta is positive the colours to victory in a hurdle race at stewards of the Jockey Club shall impose a fine upoo the trainer of the The four-year-old gelding, which horse in question an may at their carries the name of a public house in discretion withdraw his licence."

Princeton, Dartmoor, owned by the David Pipe, spokesman for the Duchy of Cornwall, was found to have Jockey Club, said: "The Jockey Club traces of caffeine, theobromine and theophylline, all prohibited subsecurity department is continuing its investigations, but at the moment the stances, after a routine post-race dope source of the prohibited substances is not known. It is too early to speculate Nick Gaselee, who trains Davils but these substances often appear in Elbow at Lambourn, said yesterday: contaminated feed."

"The test showed that caffeine was present and some feed stuffs have been taken away for analysis." It is was sent by the Jockey Club to the

Horseracing Forensic Laboratory in Newmarket where around 6,500 sam-Winners are not automatically tested. ples are sent each year.

In an average year, only between 10 and 20 of those samples are tested positive. The majority of these are accounted for by legitimate medication applied too close to a race and to a decreasing extent these days, by contaminated foodstuffs.

The introduction of threshold levels, above which a substance is classed as a positive test, has filtered out some positives, but the occurence of theobromine, a regular offender in that connection, has declined, suggesting food stuffs manufacturers are ironing out some of the problems.

The samples are taken largely randomly from each day's runners.

The rate is around 70 per cent, but fancied horses which run badly are usually given a test. The Prince, who bred Devils Elbow, a bay gelding related to Amethea, one

of the first horses he owned, has been told of the circumstances. Devils Elbow, the winner of the Rushock Novices' Hurdle, is the only horse the Prince has in training oow that he has decided no longer to compete as a jockey.

The news comes hot on the heels of David Elsworth's record fine of £17,500 on December 7, which was handed out due to Cavvies Clown returning a positive test after steroids had been shown to be present in his system.

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whether to drop its objections to an international human "premature". Downing Street emerged yesterday from a rights conference which Mos- and the Foreign Office expect meeting of consular officials a big mailbag from other in Moscow. If carried into law opponents of the Soviet it would probably help to cow wants to hold in 1991.

HOME NEWS

NEWS ROUNDUP

Best drink-drive

statistics in world

Britain's drink-driving figures are probably the best in the

world. Mr Peter Bottomley, Minister for Roads and Traffic,

Speaking on BBC Radio, he said the figures were going

affect the "social and the silly driver".

while above the legal limit.

THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 29 1988

Ford and electricians plan training deal

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter

The electricians' union and the Ford Motor Company hope to sign a revolutionary training agreement early next year which would allow the union to oversee part of the training in two of the company's biggest plants.

In the first agreement of its kind, the Electrical, Electronic, Telecom-munication and Plumbing Union down, but there were still "far too many people dying on our would provide training instructors at Ford's engine and body plant at Dagenham, east London. It would act The idea of random breath-testing would not catch the worst drink-drivers, but if it were a deterrent at all, it would as an outside agency, providing electrical skills to those attending

Considerably fewer motorists than last year are thought to have been arrested over the Christmas period for driving Ford's apprenticeship training school. Although the union's instructors Baby murder charge would not act as recruiting agents their high profile in the two plants -where their logo will be clearly visible

stories".

- is expected to boost their membership, which has recently been under attack from the Electrical, Plumbing and Industries Union, a breakaway electricians' organization, which formed a group at the body plant.

Yet EETPU instructors could soon be training apprentices from the breakaway union, as well as trainces from other unions, including the Manufacturing, Science and Finance Union, which is hostile to the electricians.

Mr David Rodgers, EETPU director of training, was confident yesterday that, in spite of union differences, the agreement would work smoothly in both plants.

He said: "Having worked with Ford extensively in the past, this is another example of how a progressive and independent union can provide a

company with the training it needs at a time when the skills sbortage is reaching crisis proportions".

Mr Stephen Craske, a senior EETPU instructor, said he hoped the union would provide "a key technical training service" at a more competitive rate than other agencies. The union, which already has had two meetings with Ford, is planning a final meeting with the company next month

Meanwhile, Jaguar is planning to target the fast-growing markets in the Far East and is looking to China to counter the fall in sales in the United States

After a 6 per cent fall in US sales. Jaguar aims to capitalize on the wealth of the Pacific rim. A senior Jaguar sales team, which recently returned from Tokyo, Taiwan and

Hong Kong, reported that the scope for growth in the Far East is larger than Jaguar's immediate capacity to build the cars.

That is in spite of yesterday's announcement that the company broke all production records this year, passing the 50,000-mark.

Mr Mike Beasley, assistant manag-ing director, said: "Our outstanding sales figures in the UK, European and overseas markets more than compensated for the softening in the market for imported cars in North America.

"Overall demand for our cars continues and we expect another record year in 1989." While sales in the US have been hit

by the economic situation those in Japan are running at three times last year's levels.

the case of the four people convicted for the Guildford bombings back to the Court of Appeal is expected from Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Ser-

retary, within weeks. After reviewing a stream of evidence submitted in the past few months, as well as a police report into the case, Mr Hurd's decision, which was expected last autumn, could now be made in the first weeks of the new year, according to a

Whitehall source . Three young Belfast men -Patrick Hill, Gerald Armstrong and Patrick Conlon and Carole Richardson, then aged 17, were convicted in 1975 of attacks a year earlier on the Horse and Groom and Seven Stars public houses in which five people died. Two of the men were also convicted of bombing the King's Arms public bouse in Woolwich, south-cast London, in which two died.

They were convicted on confessions. There was no identification evidence and no forensie scientific links but they had signed statements made to the police. During their trial they all withdrew their confessions with claims that they had been mistreated by police.

All were given long or life sentences. Hill's sentence is thought to be the longest ever given. He received life, with the recommendation that he only be released because of great age or infirmity.

After the convictions a campaign began to challenge the court decision. Campaigners have accused the crown of ommitting evidence linking the bombings to the activities of the IRA gang caught at Balcombe Street, in London, who have always claimed responsibility for the attacks. Last year Mr Hurd ordered a fresh inquiry by Avon and Somerset police into new evidence on the case. This autumn more evidence emerged when it was disclosed that Richardson had been given a narcotic drug by a police surgeon to calm her after her

The campaign has drawn the support of people such as Dr Runcie, Cardinal Hume, Lord Jenkins of Hillhead and Mr Merlyn Rees.

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A long day's journey into night for junior hospital doctor Anger on wards as Mellor talks of fisherman's stories

By Richard Ford and Emma Wilkins

my hand on to the patient to keep myself upright. That was some of their protests over long shifts were "fisherman's when I woke up", he said.

Mr Mellor to join him on a Mr David Mellor said yesnormal weekend shift of 100 terday: "Undoubtedly the juhours. "My story is not a nior doctors have a case for fisherman's tale - it happens all the time", he said. "If Mr improvement which we accept. But there is no doubt Mellor does not believe me, I challenge him to accompany me, or any other junior doctor

tions without being worried that they are going to be dealt with by overtired and therefore incapable doctors."

nior hospital doctors, who insisted that exhaustion was a langer to staff and patients by the end of a long shift.

towards the patient. The next they are over-tired every sinthing I remember was putting gle day - it's routine."

> he was exhausted and gave the wrong treatment."

fell asleep in the operating theatre at Hillingdon Hospital, Uxbridge, west London, after two-thirds of her weekend shift, which lasted from Friday morning to Monday afternoon. She collapsed on a Sunday night during an investigatory operation into

Senior staff advised her to leave the theatre, but she was not allowed to go home until

junior doctors' claims."

Dr Johnstone challenged on one of our shifts."

Dr Johnstone, a senior house officer at the Middlesex Hospital, central London, predicted that Mr Mellor would would need at least a week to or three hours' sleep a night for three nights, but we are

We are not superhuman, that is why these kind of hours no sleep."

lor's comments are unbelievswaying and falling forward able. Doctors operate when

Dr Wesby, who specializes in obstetrics and gynaecology, said she knew a doctor who had suffered severe psycho-logical problems through making a fatal mistake. "He killed a baby because

Dr Paula Hickman, aged 24,

"The last thing I remember was peering over at the patient", she said. "And then I think I must have collapsed. It

was only when I hit the floor that I woke up."

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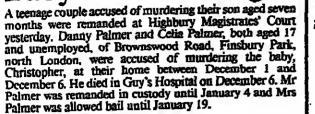
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Setback for refugee

Viraj Mendis, aged 32, a Tamil supporter who has spent two years in sanctuary in a Manchester church, yesterday failed to win a further breathing space in his fight against deportation to Sri Lanka, where he claims he faces persecution. Mr Justice Drake ruled in the High Court that the Home Office does not have to give 48 hours' notice if it decides to remove him. Mr Mendis gave a warning yesterday that, if seized by immigration officials, he would have no control over his supporters. They said he planned to appeal to the European Court of Human Rights.

Inquiry at cemetery

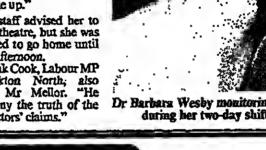
More than 100 damaged or leaning headstones were toppled over by staff at a cemetery in Barrow, Cumbria. The safety move came after a child was crushed by an unsafe headstone at another cemetery in the county. Now there is to be an inquiry by the borough council, which runs the cemetery, after protests by relatives visiting the graves. The council said yesterday: "We are sorry for the distress caused to relatives - the safety of cemetery visitors was our prime consideration".

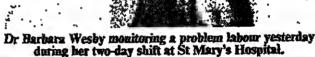
Three sent for trial

Liverpool magistrates yesterday sent three people for trial in connection with the £500,000 Preston bank robbery. Len Newsham, of Fazakerley, and Kevin Leary, of Coleshill Road, both Liverpool, are accused of robbing Mr Roger Ball, a bank manager, of cash and travellers' cheques worth £527,912 on September 4 this year. Mr Newsham, aged 23, is also charged with kidnapping Mr Ball and imprisoning him, his wife and their daughter. Sharon Crawford, aged 19, of Elstead Road, Aintree, charged with handling £6,900 cash. was bailed until February 20.

Explosions charge

A hospital worker aged 35 was charged by Scotland Yard's anti-terrorist branch last night with unlawful and malicious conspiracy to cause explosions and withholding information. Mr Joseph Wadley, of Bury Road, Wood Green, north London, will appear at Lambeth Magistrates' Court today. He was charged by detectives investigating an alleged IRA bomb factory found two weeks at a south London flat and the disappearance of two suspected terrorists from the scene, A Rover car linked with the two men was found hours after they disappeared.





Monday afternoon

Mr Frank Cook, Labour MP for Stockton North; also criticized Mr Mellor. "He cannot deny the truth of the

Mar Crester

Junior hospital doctors were embroiled in a dispute with the Minister of State for Health last night after he said

there are some fisherman's stories about." He criticized some junior hospital doctors for suggest-ing that people entering bos-

pital for operations would be treated by overtired doctors. "it is irresponsible to suggest that people cannot go into hospital to have opera-

expected to carry on.

His comments angeted ju-

Dr Chris Johnstone, aged 26, whose case was highlighted in protests earlier this week, said that he had fallen asleep during an operation to remove a gall bladder. "I felt myself

not complete the shift. "He recover from having only two abdominal disorders.

are unacceptable. You cannot expect a doctor to perform adequately when he has had

Dr Barbara Wesby, a senior house officer at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, west London, said: "David Mel-

Guildford **bombers** decision 'in weeks' By Stewart Tendler **Crime Reporter** A decision on whether to send

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Ministry's team of forensic scientists found evidence of Pan Am bomb after only 24 hours

By Michael Evans Defence Correspondent

It took a small team of explosives experts from the Ministry of Defence's Royal Armament Research and Development Establishment (RADE) at Fort Halstead, Kent, just over 24 hours to prove that the Pan Am aircraft that crashed at Lockerbie was destroyed by a bomb.

Fort Halstead, RADE's headquarters, has two specialist roles. On the defence side, scientists, engineers and technicians study guns, ammunition and conventional warncads.

There is also a forensie science

Four face

crash theft

investigation unit that assists the Metropolitan Police in all criminal cases involving explosives. It cooperates with the Home Office's Forensic Science Service in providing belp for other police forces in England and Walcs.

Although Fort Halstead was closed over Christmas, a small team of scientists and technicians arrived at the beadquarters on Tuesday morning to begin work on pieces of wreckage that had been sent from Lockerbie. The scientists traced explosive

contamination in two sections of the plane's metal luggage pallet. There was a sufficient residue of

material to prove that plastic to bring down the Pan Am jet explosives had detonated in the underlines the serious threat posed luggage hold. The team also examined through

a scanning electron micrograph damaged fibre samples taken from the luggage hold. The fibre had been severed in a manner characteristic of an explosion.

The scientists will continue their forensic science and metallurgical investigation over the next few days to provide more evidence of the explosive device used by the terrorists. Bodies recovered from the site will be examined. The discovery that high-perfor-

By Tony Dawe

devastated. Eleven people

Parts of the fuselage and an

Rosebank Crescent, spilling

bodies over the outskirts of

the town as it crashed. Three

miles to the east the nose of

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terrorist attack on a Pan Am

aircraft had been telephoned

Reports that warnings of a

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The government Accident

caused the disaster.

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flight PA103, carrying 259 in which the nose had been

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do so.

remained and eight more were safety.

mance plastic explosives were used that explosives were involved.

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Parts of the fuselage and an area around Lockerbie, not engine landed to the east in just for bodies but for wreck-

From the outset it was clear Royal Armaments Research

to Kent

that only an explosion or and Development Establish-

the aircraft came to rest on a by pieces of metal.

Hundreds of soldiers and

police officers searched a wide

age which could provide a definitive class. On Boxing

Day that evidence was discov-

ered - a suitcase ripped apert

ment at Fort Halstead, Kent.

On Tuesday more suitcases, pieces of metal and pallets

from the cargo hold were sent

found conclusive evidence of

a bomb blast and relayed their

findings to the Department of

Transport, which is respon-

The news brought relief to

Boeing and leading airlines

but created new anger among

sible for the investigation.

Yesterday the scientists

It was sent to experts at the

by such devices.

THE LOCKERBIE JET DISASTER

American counter-terrorist experts warned officials soon after the crash that a small amount of plastic explosive, such as the Czech-made Semtex material, would be sufficient to blow a bole through the

fusclage of a plane. Fort Halstead has been used by crash investigators throughout the world. Its scientists have been called in after airline disasters in Vietnam. Saudi Arabia, the Mediterrancan and the Caribbean. In each case, the MoD investigators helped to prove

Mr Michael Charles, of the Transport. of Department

Silence alerted air controller Lawyers hope to evade

\$75,000 damages limit By Charles Brenner and Tony Dawe

Lawyers acting for the rel- leading London firm of avi-atives of victims of the ation lawyers said. Lockerbie crash hope to file claims in the United States for millions of dollars in spite of the announcement that a bomb caused the disaster. They will change their target from Boeing, the aircraft's manufacturers, to Pan Am, which operated the flight. Last night the lawyers were

investigating ways of getting around the international convention which limits damages to \$75,000 (£41,000) a victim. To do so they need to prove recklessness or wilful negligence on the part of those operating the flight. The most obvious targets are the airline

and the agents responsible for checking baggage and cargo. Mr Lee Kreindler, an avi-'The lawyers' attention will focus on bow the bomb got on board the flight, but it will be a a threat to the airline "gives heavy burden to prove respon- rise to a higher duty on the

In terms of the Warsaw Convention of 1919 and the Montreal Agreement of 1966, Pan Am's liability is limited to \$75,000 for each passenger. The cause of the disaster is on board there. The same method was used crucial because the \$75,000 limit may be disregarded if it can be proved that wilful misconduct by the airline or its employees contributed.

Some lawyers said it would have been easier to demonstrate wilful misconduct if the problem was structural. "If it's a bomb, I think the survivors will unfortunately be limited to \$75,000", Mr George Tompkins, a New York lawyer at Condon & Forsyth, said.

ation lawyer representing four Syria over the incident and families, said warnings about resisted overtures by President Assad early this year. sibility against any particular part of Pan Am to make sure organization", a member of a that the flight was safe".

Focus of suspicion likely to centre on Arab extremists

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

ination to prevent a political

settlement of the Arab-Israel

The Federal Bureau of In-

vestigation and Britisb anti-

the possibility that the bomb-

ing was a successful repetition

of the failed attempt by Nezar

Hindawi in 1986 to smuggle a

bomb on board an El Al

airliner at Heathrow Airport.

On December 5, an Arab living in Finland telephoned

the American embassy in

Helsinki and said a bomb

plane in Frankfurt by a

woman. Most of the pas-

sengers of Flight 103 started

their journey in Frankfurt, although it is not yet known

whether the bomb was placed

by Hindawi, whose pregnant

girl friend would have unwit-

ingly carried a bomb on

board the El Al plane if it had.

not been detected. She would

The British Government

established that Hindawi was

under the control of a senior

Syrian intelligence officer,

which also had links with the

Abu Nidal terrorist organiza-

Britain broke relations with

rest of the passengers.

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likely motive.

Suspicion is expected to focus among other conditions, be-on Palestinian splinter groups fore it will contemplate a after the confirmation that renewal of links.

PA 103 was destroyed by a Although Abu Nidal's Fatah bomb. Their known determ- Revolutionary Council expressed sympathy to families of the crash victims on Tuesconflict is seen as the most day, it is still seen as a probable culprit.

Abu Nidal, the nom de vestigation and Britisb anti-terrorism experts will look at followers, has long been the most feared of radical Palestinian splinter groups. Much of the Middle East protection given to western ambassadors focuses mainly on the threat from his gunmen, who have proved more ruthless and dedicated than any other

group. Abu Nidal was responsible would be placed on a Pan Am for machine-gun and grenade attacks on Rome and Vienna airports three years ago, for several recent assassinations, and for the hijacking of a Pan Am airliner in Karachi two years ago.

Other PLO splinter groups which might be responsi include the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC), led by Ahmed Jebril, and the May 15 Organization. Both have used plastic exploprobably have died with the sives which can be smuggled

undetected into aircraft. All three groups are determinated to halt the drift of the Palestine Liberation Organization towards a more moderate stance. They and other Palestinian hardliners opposed the declaration made by the Palestine Liberation Council (the PLO's parliament in exile) in Algiers last London has always insisted month to renounce terrorism that Abu Nidal should be and implicitly to accept Ismade to leave its Syrian base, rael's right to exist.

It took several seconds for the in Sherwood Crescent dis- bomb was to blame, but the charges controller at the air traffic appeared on impact, only the lack of evidence increased centre at Prestwick to com-Four men appeared in a prehend what he had seen on Seottish court yesterday his radar screen shortly after charged with theft after the 7pm last Wednesday, Boeing Pan Am jet disaster at He was baffled that a routine call he had just made to

latest sweep across his screen,

he saw that the transponder

registering details of the flight

had disappeared. On the next

sweep he saw the dot representing the 20-year-old Boeing 747 had been replaced

He began to realize that

passengers, had broken into

pieces. As he raised the alarm,

the wreckage began to fall on

the quiet market town of

Lockerbie, part of the fuselage

digging a crater 40 feet deep

by several dots.

Lockerbie. They appeared on separate Pan Am flight PA103 as it crossed into Scottish air space petitions in private before Sheriff Kenneth Barr at Dumon its way to New York from fries Sheriff Court. London had gone unanswered. As he watched the

At first the Procurator Fiscal, Mr Neil Allan, refused to name the men, saying that under Scottish law there was no obligation for him to do so. Later yesterday he said he had decided to release the names because of the volume of interest in the cases. The three men who appeared separately on petition charged with theft of aircraft parts from the crashed jumbo were Mr Scott Gunter Thomson, aged 21, of Ashgrove

Crescent, Eccleiechan; Mr Terence Lavery, aged 40, of Crathie Avenue, Dumfries, and Mr Allan James Austin, to Glasgow road. Two houses increased speculation that a the victims' relatives. aged 20, of Newmains Farm. Duncow, all Dumfries and Galloway.

week.

Priest condemns 'evil men' behind the carnage on Flight 103 By David Cross

A priest who was a close friend of a young Surrey family killed in the Lockerbie air disaster last night attacked the men responsible for bombing the Pan Am Boeing.

Father Peter Edwards, of Our Lady of Perpetual Succour, at Thames Ditton, said his initial feelings were of anger. "It's too soon to talk about forgiveness", he said. "This innocent family who were nothing to do with international politics died as a result of the actions of these evil men."

Mr John and Mrs Geraldine Stevenson

and their daughters, Hannah, aged 10, and Rachel, aged eight, were flying to the United States to spend Christmas with relatives when they were killed.

The family, devent Roman Catholics, had played an active part in their spared. community at Esher since moving there

four years ago from Manchester. Father Edwards said a memorial service was planned for the new year. "But it will not be easy to stand up and talk about forgiveness straight away. At the moment we can only feel deep pain at this loss."

The family of Mrs Yvoane Owen, aged 29, and her baby, Bryeny, aged 18 months,

criticized the decision not to publish the said yesterday. bomb warning.

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did this is not printable", she said. "It was a deliberate act. They have no regard for

The father of a girl aged 19 who died in

the disaster has forgiven the bombers, how-ever. "It makes us sick and angry", the Rev

John Mosey, minister of the Assemblies of God church in Bloxwich, West Midlands,

human life."

"But I forgive these people. There is no A relative said from her home in question of that. We are committed Pendine, Dyled, that if the authorities had Christians and because we believe that God spoken up, their lives might have been is all wise and good, we think God will bring some good out of this." "What we feel towards the animals who

His daughter, Helga, was returning to her job as an an pair in America after visiting her parents and collecting a music prize from her old school, King Edward's High School for Girls, at Edgbaston, Birmingham. Mr Mosey said he was setting up a trust in his daughter's name to help educate children in the Third World. Instead of sending flowers, the Moseys

hope relatives and friends will give money to the trust, being set up through INCARE, the international charitable relief

• The first British victim of the crash was formally identified and released to relatives at Lockerbie yesterday. He was Sean Concannon, aged 16, of Newfield Drive, Banbury, Oxfordshire,

Michael Joseph Doyle, aged 30, of Arcadia Drive, Voorhees, New Jersey; Noelie Lyndie Bertî, aged 41, from Paris, and Robert Gerald Fortune, aged 40, of Harris Place, New Milford, New Jersey, were also identified yesterday.

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confirming bomb evidence.

HOME NEWS

Sex bias in schools 'depriving girls of computer education'

By David Tytler, Education Editor

Prejudice is preventing girls from being taught how to use The new examination dethe computer, one of today's signed to broaden sixth most important skills and the formers' education - AS level possible key to their indepen- - is likely to prove an even dence in the future, according greater success than the Govto university research to be erament predicted, figures published early next year. published today show. As girls wait to use the few

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computer screens in the classroom, boys are allowed to had already received more AS jump the queue, "dominating the limited computer re-sources that are available in schools", Professor Celia The Associated Examining schools", Professor Celia Hoyles, of London University, said.

As a result many young tion to enter 6,471 women are being deprived of its AS level examine education that could ensure summer. their futures, while boys are given all possible help and encouragement in an industry anxious to recruit new staff, she said.

The latest figures show that of the 300,000 people working in computers, only 20 per cent are estimated as being women, although they represent about half Britain's working population.

In a booklet to be published purposes", she says. soon, Professor Hoyles, head of mathematics education at the university's Institute of Education, says that while girls are either kept waiting or offered less demanding computer classes in the belief that positively disposed than girls towards computers and tend to dominate the limited comthe computer is "not appropriate" for them, boys are puter resources that are availgiven first choice of the school computer.

"It is a matter of grave concern that our culture is when girls are able to obtain defining computers as pre- access to the machines in

school, only a restricted set of activities - which exclude programming for example are often deemed to be appropriate for them." As a result, Professor

Hoyles says, "few girls take up any employment using com-The argest A level board said that, in 22 key subjects, it puter skills, other than data or word processing". Professor Hoyles says that

girls take second place in schools where there are limited resources. "When there is competition over scarce re-Board said schools and colsources girls tend to 'lose out'... We must look be-yond an essentially transi-tional situation dominated by leges had indicated their intention to enter 6,471 papils for ns next shortage of hardware and software.

eminently male machines... "If it is true that experience following the traditional lines with computers in school is of gender bias in society", she crucial, then we must consider what type of experience with Her research leads to the

computers should be made available and how they should "disturbing conclusion that girls are learning less than be organized." boys about computers and However, she believes that therefore acquiring less underthe problem is "neither in-evitable nor immutable". She standing as to how computers

might be used for their own concludes: "There is an urgent need for more research in this "While girls and boys might area, co-ordinated with show a similar appreciation of teacher education and interthe significance computers vention programmes with the might have for their personal computer revolution under futures, boys tend to be more

way and the pace of change increasing, we have a duty to ensure that all children benefit from this change". The Bedford Way Papers, Girls and Computers (University of London, Turnaround Distribu-tion, 27 Horsfell Road, London N5 1XL; £5.50, inc postage).



Sale delights owners and dogs' home

A four-year-old Jack Russell bought at Battersea yesterday is cuddled by its new owner, Emma Eaton, aged 10, from New Malden, south-west London.

The Dogs' Home, Battersee, sold a record number of more than 100 record number of more than 100 atrays yesterday in its annual post-Christmas sale (Patrick O'Hanlon writes). Dogs sell for hetween £25 and £50 depending on the size of the animal. Mr Stephen Danos, the home's spokesman, said: "We tell

Desmond Fennell, QC, yester-

The change, partly in re-

sponse to a request by the Office of Fair Trading for the

ban on advertising fees to be removed, takes immediate ef-fect after a Bar Council meet-

It coincides with the coming

into force on Sunday of new

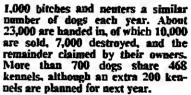
provisions which will enable

other professions - not just

ing last week.

people pot to buy a dog before Christmas but to come down as a family after Christmas. There were queues when we opened. Before Christmas the numbers coming in were the highest we ever had, and we had to turn away for the first time strays brought in by the public." Since

Christmas Eve, police have handed in 138 dogs. "We like to get the numbers down before the influx of Christmas resent dogs that have been dumped", Mr Danos added. During the next few weeks the home's dog visitors will meet owners and pets to make sure they are coping. The home spays



Portfolio

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Second school on Students in new loans Ilea 'concern' list

able in school.

"It is also the case that even

By Douglas Broom, Education Reporter

A second north London pri-mary school, within a mile of the troubled Highbury Quad-rant school, has been placed on a register of schools causing "serious concern".

The Inner London Education Authority said yes-terday that the St John Evangelist Roman Catholic primary school in Islington had been put on the list because of conflicts between parents and the headmistress, Mrs Irene Rowland.

The authority said the school had been on the list of school had been on the list of Mr Healy agreed to "fully at risk schools for "several support the head to the dismonths" after a parents' meet- charge of her duties". Mr ing which passed a motioo of Healy said yesterday: "I have no confidence in the head, said I will honour the agreeno confidence in the head.

term the governors began disciplinary proceedings against Mrs Rowland. The action was balted in October when Mrs Rowland and the chairman of governors, Mr George Healy, signed an agreement in which she agreed to improve communication with parents, staff and clergy. It was also agreed that her management style would be monitored and that she would face a formal review of her work in June 1989. In return

opposition By Sam Kiley, Higher Education Reporter At the start of the autumn The National Union of Stadents may hold a week-long

"mass-lobby" of the Houses of Parliament, flooding its corridors with undergraduates protesting at plans to introduce student loans.

The mion is also negotiating with police to stage a mass demonstration and march in London on February 25 as part of a campaign of protests next year at government proposals to introduce loans and do away with student rights to welfare benefits.

solicitors - to instruct the Bar The last union-organized direct, either on behalf of their demonstration outside the clients or on their own behalf. broken up last month by as Bar chairman on January I, monuted police. At least 20 said yesterday that in the light students were injured as well of that change, the Bar Coun-cil had thought it right to as six police officers. The NUS press officer said yesterday that the plans were Office of Fair Trading and to "at the discussion stage."

Bar given freedom to advertise fees

Barristers' charges

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Barristers in England and Wales can advertise their A pledge to stamp out racial discrimination at the Bar and in the bourly rates for the first time, indiciary was made by the profession's chairman-elect, Mr under changes announced by Desmond Fennell, QC, yesterday. the Bar chairman-elect, Mr

Mr Fennell said: "If there is evidence of racial discrimination, we will be ruthless in trying to eliminate it". He said be would oversee personally all applications from harristers for silk and minor judicial posts and all recommendations for judicial appointments about members of the Bar who were from ethnic minorities.

The Bar is conducting a survey of chambers to see if racial prejudice exists in the appointment of pupils and tenants.

available both to the pro-fessions and the public". sent on request to solicitors and, in future, to other proand, in future, to other pro-Mr Fennell said the Bar was - fessionals instructing barnow anxious to banish the risters. The Bar has stopped restriction stopping barristers short of issuing active enadvertising hourly rates and to couragement to barristers to "let people know what the Bar publish hourly rates, although has to offer and what they can the Office of Fair Trading

commercial work between £70 and £100 an hour.

The rates are often lower than those charged by solicitors because barristers' overheads are lower. A City solicitor of 10 years' experience might charge up to £200 an bour for commercial work.

The Bar has already negotiated an hourly charging rate of £100 an bour for a junior barrister with 10 years' experience for advisory work with the Serious Fraud Office.

fee was not the only factor a

solicitor and his client would

take into account in choosing

In its letter in November to the Bar, the Office of Fair Trading said that although the

Major Joha Doyle was the sole winner of yesterday's £4,000 portfolio prize. Major Doyle, aged 73, from Brook Farm Road, Cobham, Surrey, will invest most of his winnings. He will spend the rest on a holiday.

Impact of seal virus receding

The distemper virus that has wiped out thousands of seals around Europe may be about to disappear.

More than 2,700 common

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number of parents, ment and I intend to do so". including some of the gov-The school is within a mile ernors, withdrew their childof Highbury Quadrant, an Ilea ren. Of the 17 full-time staff, primary school where six senior members of staff are 14 had left since Mrs Rowland being removed after serious became head of the 280-pupil criticisms of teaching and school off Islington High Street in April 1986. discipline.

Mr Fennell, who takes over expect from us". The change will mean that

barristers can choose to advertise their bourly rates on the brochures they are allowed accede to the request of the to produce.

made clear il would like to see this as a follow-up step. A typical hourly rate for a

top silk in a long-running commercial case might be £200 an hour; a junior bar-Solicitors are already al-The brochures are left in rister with 10 years' experilowed to advertise the fees "make more information chambers' waiting rooms, or ence might charge for general they charge.

a barrister, it was an imscals have died off Britain in portant one in many cases. It the past five months. Deaths wanted barristers to be enare now being reported at couraged to give advance fewer than one a day. information about charges.

signer-wear departments.

Marks and Spencer said busi-

ness was "reasonably busy hut

nothing spectacular". Barclays said turnover on

Barclaycard was on target for

£700 million in December,

less than £50 million up on

September, the quietest shop-

Cash machines churned out

bank notes at unprecedented

rates to keep up with Christ-

mas demand, it was disclosed

Link. the network of 1,300

machines run by the main huilding societies, Girobank and the Clydesdale and Co-op

banks, reported a record

The £5.2 million total,

which did not include trans-

actions by cardbolders at their

society or bank branch's own

machine, easily topped the

£4.9 million record set the

The average cash with-

drawal, normally about £42,

payout last Friday.

previous Saturday.

ping month of the year.

yesterday.

Dr John Harwood, of the Sca Mammal Research Unit in Cambridge, said the frequency of contact between seals was lower than it had been in the summer so there was less chance of the deadly

virus being passed on. • Seal Morning, filmed in Norfolk four years ago, will be televised next month with the actors and artists involved giving the £33,000 repeat fee to virus research.

Chemical alert

Five of the staff at East Midlands airport, near Castle Donington. Leicestershire, were taken to hospital for checks after a chemical spillage in the cargo area vesterday, when a bottle containing hexylamine, a flammable liquid, leaked.

Elvis to Russia

A musical on the life of Elvis Presley, Forever Elvis, goes to the Soviet Union in February at the invitation of the Soviet Cultural Exchanges Committee, which has Mrs Raisa Gorbachov, wife of the Soviet president, as a member.

Murder charge

John William Holt, aged 62, of Medway, Reiford, Noi-tinghamshire, was remanded in custody until January 26 at Worksop Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with the murder on December 26 of Jessie Guest, aged 59, the woman with whom he lived.

Warrior show

An agreement has been signed to exhibit eight Chinese terracotta warriors at Bournemouth Exhibiton Centre next May. The exhibition will recreate part of the ancient tomb where the life-size pottery figures were discovered in Xian in 1975.

Late delivery

A picture postcard from Seaton in Devon has been delivered 55 years after it was sent. The card was addressed to Miss May Andrews, women's ward, at the now closed Cowley Road Hospital, Oxford.

Stabbing death

Dennis Sefton, aged 25, who left a Christmas party in Hulme, Manchester, for some fresh air, died in hospital on Tuesday after being stabbed outside the house.

Cancer drugs saving women

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent

New evidence that drug treatment can save or prolong the lives of many thousands of women who undergo breast cancer operations is published by an international team of researchers today.

Studies of almost 29,000 natients around the world whose condition was dibreast surgery. agnosed at an early stage. suggest that their prospects of erations more than 100,000 living five years or more after surgery are enhanced by the able for prolonged daily use of use of drugs such as tamoxifen, which control or kill remaining cancer cells. of them are in Britain.

The improvement is "modest but real" the Imperial Cancer Research Fund said in London vesterday. The fund, along with the Cancer Rescarch Campaign and the Medical Research Council, helped to organize and finance an international overview of the benefits of the drugs.

"The new findings provide the Cancer Research Cam-the final proof that for many paign's director of cancer triwomen, drugs really can improve the chances of surviving at least five years after breast surgery", the fund said.

The results of the studies are sist indefinitely". The mortal- stead, north London,

published in the New England ity reduction produced by Journal of Medicine, the lead- tamoxifen was most evident ing medical journal in the among women aged 50 or United States. older They "establish beyond

reasonable doubt" that tamoxifen and other forms of chemotherapy can reduce deaths within five years of The theory will be investigated in a project in which volunteers will gradually work Worldwide, after such opthemselves up to walking women are considered suitthree miles every day, while their health is monitored.

The £75,000 project is being tamoxifen for several years, or launched on Sunday and will be funded by the British Heart for other cell-killing drugs for several months. About 10,000 Foundation and the TSB The researchers say that Foundation for England and

without drugs, 30,000 of the world total might die within Wales. Evidence suggests that five years, including about physical activity can reduce 3,000 in this country. Britain the risks of heart disease, but has about 24,000 new cases of doctors do not know how breast cancer each year, leadmuch exercise is necessary 10 ing to 15,000 deaths annually. give protection. Professor Michael Baum,

The research is to be carried out by Dr Adrianne Hardman

and colleagues at als at King's College, London, said yesterday: "The obvious Loughborough University of Technology, in collaboration with the Royal Free Hospital hope is that these differences in five-year survival will per- School of Medicine in Hamp-

By Ruth Gledhill · A brisk walk may help to keep heart attacks at bay among middle-aged men with urethane foam at discount desk jobs, researchers believe. prices during the January

sales, fire officers and trading standards officers said yesterday. wait until March, when it will become illegal in sell new furniture containing the flam-

mable foam. The warning came as shappers took advantage of sales to go on a final spending spree before a further increase in the mortgage rate in the new year. Trading standards officers warned shoppers to be on the alert for retailers who take advantage of sales in offload the discontinued lines at large

discounts. The London Fire Brigade said: "Undoubtedly, people are trying to get rid of fur-niture which does not meet

the new regulations. People out huying furniture should look far goods which da meet

By Kuth Gledhill Young people are said to be facing heartbreak because of credit Shops could be putting lives at card debt and many is need of help are having to be turned away risk by selling furniture because there are too many for comsellors to deal with. Miss containing flammable poly- Patricia Greene, co-ordinator of Bradford's debt coanselling service in West Yorkshire, said: "We've seen people who have started off on a 'creditgoround' and ended up evicted and in some cases with their children in care. People should stop and think

Holiday sales spree

Fire warning over 'bargain' furniture

the new regulations. "Otherwise, they are putting themselves at risk, not just in the shart term, but for as long as they keep the furniture." Mr Keith Martin, assistant divisional officer with the Ginucestershire Fire Brigade, said: "People may think they are getting a bargain but they could end up paying with their lives. Mr Brian Fuller, the chief fire officer with the West Midlands Fire Brigade, said:

strictly alone. If it is inordinately cheap, they should ask themselves wby."

tandards officers said yester-ay. Shoppers were advised to the staff I would be seeing 50,000." discounted its polyurethane

foam furniture by 30 per cent. Mr David Dawkins, the huying director, said: "We have acted quite responsibly. At one stage we had £15 million tied up in the old foam in 250 stores. Most of that has

now been sold." High street stores were still husy yesterday after many reported record takings the day before. However, the Automobile Association said the roads were quieter yes-"We can ooly impress on people in leave this stuff terday than Tuesday.

was more than £55 - another One group, Queensway, has ness in the fashion and de- record.

Government figures rejected

Liberty's in Regent Street. sold 100 scarves to one Japanese woman and, Selfridges, reported brisk busi-

1989 holiday guide **Travel firm criticizes Algarve resort**

By David Cross

The holiday centre of Quarteira on the Algarve has so much building work in progress that it would make an ideal site for training Wimpey recruits, Hogg Robinson, the insurance and travel firm, says in its latest resort and holiday guide.

Gambet in Turkey is described as a "hillside building site two miles west of Bodrum". The roads are so awful that rally driving is the leisure activity most likely to catch on, the report adds.

The annual survey of 300 resorts and more than 3,000 hotels from Benidorm to Bangkok picks out a number of establishments that it would not recommend to visitors.

The Hotel Lovran in Pala, Yugoslavia, for example, is fitted with furnishings of the "sort that would be left unsold at a jumble sale", while the Hotel Romantica in Los Realejos, Tenerife, is so run down and seedy that it should be renamed

"Unromantica". "Our team also noticed the long bus queues bound for Rovinc in Yugoslavia, which indicated the holiday-makers' keenness to get out of the Villas Rubin." Even recommended hotels come in for criticism. The Hotel Marabout at Sousse, Tunisia, is described as ideal for Michael Jackson fans because his 1972 album was played again and again every night.

In the Hotel Byblos Andaluz in Mijas on the Costa del Sol, you will not have to get up before the sun rises to reserve a sunbed because they are kept in your room. "We have been assured that they do not double up as beds", the survey comments.

At the other extreme, the Hotel Atis in Onarteria has clearly embarked on a cost-saving exercise because there are only 13 sunbeds to be divided among all the guests. "This is definitely malucky for those who don't get down early enough." The 1989 guide comments on 561 more

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botels than the 1988 version. In Florida an extra 31 hotels and in Turkey, 170 establishments have been added to the list. Thirteen botels have improved sufficiently during the past year to be taken off the blacklist and another 16 hotels criticized in the previous year's guide have been dropped by a number of tour operators.

Mr David Radcliffe, Hogg Robinson's leisure marketing director, said yesterday: "In the past year we have seen a massive growth in travel farther afield, with America and the Far East leading in popularity.

"These are dream bolidays which, without good advice, could turn into an expensive nightmare."

The four-volume Recommended Resort and Holiday Guide for summer 1989 is available for inspection by all bolidaymakers at Hogg Rubinson's 206 high street branches throughout the UK from today.

Homeless 'exceed a million' By Anthony Hodges The overall number of home- Shetter says that figure because bousing was too less people has passed the excludes many groups, nota- expensive, and London Trans-

and the figure is still rising, people. according to Shelter, the charity.

Miss Sheila McKechnie, director, said: "This is a ernment says. homifying new record. The Government has a policy of

stopping councils building new homes because it believes local authorities should not be the providers of social housing. That is up to them.

the question the Government The Government says there in the big cities were finding it are 370,000 homeless, but difficult to recruit staff

for the same reason. "Employers are begining to

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pay for other projects to help the homeless throughout the United Kingdom.

porters.

of homeless, Sheher says. It believes, however, that pres-

The London docklands devlabour force, she said, schools

"But if local authorities are not allowed to build afford-

able homes, who is? That is has failed to answer."

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government policies."

· Crisis at Christmas, a charity that helped 2,000 home-

an appeal for £1 million.

After providing 12,000 bot meals and 50,000 cups of tea in the past week, the charity says it urgently needs funds to

sure for change was coming less in London, has launched from the Government's sup-

clopment was at risk unless housing could be found for the

The report also suggests that cuts in housing benefit are squeal. There are signs that much greater than the Gov-The reduction in low-cost rented accommodation is economic consequences of likely to increase the number

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Trippier agrees to public debate on council housing laws

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

over the transfer of council housing stock to new landlords will come to a head with a public debate between the junior housing minister and his Labour shadow.

Mr David Trippier, Under transfer of its housing stock Secretary of State for the under the Housing Act 1985. Environment, has taken up a challenge from Mr Clive for a ballot, but the council Soley, the Opposition spokes- used the model of the 1988 man on housing, to discuss the Act. new housing legislation in public.

They have been at logger heads in an increasingly acrimonious and personal dispute about the voting methods used to determine whether council estates should transfer to new owners, and particularly over the provision that abstentions are counted as votes in favour of a transfer.

Mrs Sally Oppenheim-Barnes, chairman of the National Consumer Council, is being approached to find out whether she will chair the debate.

Mr Trippier has written to Mr Soley saying he wants a debate to correct the misinformation and "erroneous statements" which he alleges the Labour spokesman has been making about tenants' choice provisions in the new

The bitter political dispute housing Act. The debate will come as Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment, wrestles with a decision on the vote held by tenants of Torbay council on

its proposal for a voluntary That Act had no provisions The difference is that 20 per

cent or more of tenants who voted against transfer will not, as under the 1988 tenants' choice provisions, be able to retain their local authority landlord.

Mr Ridley is required to determine in the Torbay case whether a majority of those eligible to vote favoured a transfer.

Ministers have accused Labour spokesmen of "whip-ping up fear and hysteria" about the proposals.

Mr Soley has accused the Government of publishing misleading information in its Department of Environment leaflet on tenants' choice. The pamphlet stated that each tenant who was eligible to vote would have to vote yes, no or

Any tenant reading that

abstain.

paid for by the taxpayer. because if one abstaioed one was counted as having voted yes The Government has fiercely denied the allegation, pointing out that the leaflet said tenants could not have their homes transferred over their heads. It had stated that

tenants who voted yes or abstained would become tenants of the new landlord. The dispute has also centred on Labour claims, furiously denied by the Government

that people who had died would be included in the votes as having voted in favour, and that those tenants who did not. vote to transfer would have to pay the rent set by the new landlord.

During an angry Commons clash in November, Mr Trippier extracted from Mr Soley a promise that he would denounce misleading information given to tenants before a ballot. He has since been homharding the Lahour spokesman with leaflets containing allegedly inaccurate information about the powers and asking him to disown them.



Marianne Thorsen, aged 16, a violinist, and Thomas Watmongh, aged 17, a clarinettist, will join nine other young musicians from the Parcell School of Music, Harrow on the Hill, north-west London, at Heathrow today en route for Moscow, where they will take part in a concert in aid of the Armenian Earthquake Disaster Fund. They will perform with

musicians from Norway, West Germany and other European countries at Moscow's Central Hall.

• Princess Margaret is to attend a Royal Opera House production on January 11 to raise money for the Armenian earthquake appeal. Members of the Bolshoi and Kirov ballets and Russian singers will take part.

Houseboat fire kills mother and girls By David Cross

A young mother died trying to save her two daughters yesterday when fire swept through their houseboat.

Mrs Elaine Rowe, aged 20. -was filling a hucket with water from the bathroom when she was overcome by smoke, the fire brigade said.

Her body and those of her daughters, Sarah, aged three. and Victoria, aged iwo, were found in the converted Sec-ond World War motor gun-boat in Hoo Marina, near Rochester, Kent, All three died of smoke inhalation.

Mr William Rowe, aged 30, who was working as a security guard in London at the time of the fire, was being comforted by relatives last night.

Owners of neighbouring boats tried to put nut the fire with extinguishers but the fumes were too dense. Astrid Arthurs, aged 14, said: "It was high tide and the boat was rocking from side to side. The extinguisher was useless."

Her mother, Mrs Janet Arthurs, aged 35, added; "By the time we realized what was happening the blaze was well . under way. We wanted to get the kiddies out but there was no chance.

Another neighbour, Mr Alec Grant, aged 53, said: "The children were lovely, Mischievnus but sweet. We all feel terrible."

Election of union officials

Nupe first for secret ballot

Mergers are changing map of trade unionism

TUC split on future strategy

By Tim Jones Employment Affairs Correspondent

The TUC general council, besieged by what it considers an increasing flood of anti-trade union legislation, is deeply divided over how the movement should develop to protect the interests of its members.

The debate over the future strategy and direction of the 81 unions affiliated to the TUC comes as union mergers and take-overs gather speed.

Increasingly, small unions are finding they cannot provide the range of services their members are demanding or compete on equal terms in the employment legislation field with multinational companies or public corporations. However, union leaders

are at odds about forming huge general unions or seeking "industrial union mergers" with affiliates. Mr John Edmonds, chief architect of the "super block" strategy, believes that by 2000 there could be just four

general unions, each with a membership of two million or more. He believes that is the only way unions will be able to provide quality higb-grade and services

representation. However, Mr Leslie Christie, gen-eral secretary of the National Union of Civil and Public Servants, believes such a move would severely weaken the influence of the TUC. "We would be left not with four unions, but with four trade union centres representing buge groups of workers with no real

identity of interest", he said. His union is considering instead a merger with the Civil and Public Services Association (CPSA) to create a

240,000-strong unioo. The CPSA, the higgest Whitehall union, is also being courted by the GMB, which has just merged with the Association of Professional, Executive, Clerical and Computer Staff to hecome Britaio's second-largest union. The union that once claimed that spot, the Amalgamated Engineering Union, is boping to combine with the Electrical, Electronic, Telecommunication and Plumbing Union.

Talks between Sogat, the largest print union, and the National Graphical Association may yet lead to a marriage, while the National Union of

Public Employees and the National and Local Government Officers' Association may also merge.

The Manufacturing, Science and Finance union and the Union of Construction, Allied Trades and Technic-

ians are discussing links. The National Union of Seamen is balloting its members on whether to stay independent or merge with the Nat-ional Union of Railwaymen or the Transport and General Workers' Union.

Even the the National Union of Mineworkers, which once made governments tremble, could cease to exist in 1989. Talks starting next month could lead to absorption in the massive maw of the Transport and General Workers' Union.

By Roland Rudd, Employment Affairs Reporter Leaders of the National Union mittee, were appointed in of Public Employees (Nupe) 1982. They are vociferous of Public Employees (Nupe) will be the first appointed

trade union officers to face election by secret postal ballot, Mr Rodney Bickerstaffe, the union's general secretary, and Mr Tom Sawyer. deputy gen-

eral secretary, will be the first to comply with the Employ-ment Act 1988, which forces all appointed union officers to stand for election. Mr Bickerstaffe, aged 43,

who speaks for health service despite the fact that our own workers, and Mr Sawyer, aged system of appointments and 45, chairman of the Labour accountability, built up over Party's home policy com- the bundred years of exis-

tence, has worked as well." Other union leaders have critics of the Government. taken action to circumvent the

Act, which comes into force Miss Ina Love, the union's in July. Mr Neil Milligan, aged resident, says in a confiden-63, general secretary of Aslef. tial circular to all branches the rail drivers' union. has that elections "have been retired early so a successor can forced on us by an anti-trade be elected by the union's union government, at a time hranch block votes system. Its when the union is facing next general secretary will not critical battles to defend the have to face a secret ballot jobs and interests of all Nupe until 1994 members. The union has no alternative but to comply,

Mr Arthur Scargill, the Nat-ional Union of Mineworkers president, called an election carlier this year to avoid the postal ballot requirement.







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that confirms Sky Television's six channels as the best bargain in Britain.

Their New Year present to viewers is a satellite dish for just £80. After paying a nominal installation fee. viewers who already rent equipment will get the set-top converter for just 19.99 a month. Those not renting already will pay only $\pounds 12.99$.

Of course, it all plugs into your existing television set - there's no need to buy a new one.

already offering top-quality Amstrad dishes for outright sale at £199, or £249 with a convenient remote control unit.

The decision of Sky to use the same proven technology as your existing television means that in the months ahead, it will be even easier than expected for viewers to join in the fun of Sky Television's six channels.

And to make a good deal even better, viewers who invest in the equipment for Sky will be ready for even more choice in the future!

In addition to the six channels being provided by Sky, there will be at keener as high street retailers gear up to offer satellite dishes for Sky TV

channels to chose from on our Astra satellite - 9 channels allogether.

launched, there will be even MORE channels to choose from. "Sky is films will be announced soon. bringing in a supermarket choice of programmes to replace the offers something really special: cornershop offerings available up to Eurosport, the all-action sport channow," said Andrew Neil, Executive nel, with a feast of top-class com-Chairman of Sky Television.

The Sky selection of entertainment includes Europe's first and best sat- 24 hours a day, along with fascinating least THREE more English-language ellite entertainment station, Sky features and provocative interviews.

for everyone in the family.

But there's much more to come. Sky Movies, the first satellite film channel, will feature the best of

Hollywood and Britisb titles. Deals have already been signed with And when a second Astra is Twentieth Century Fox, Touchstone and Warner Brothers, and more great

For the sports fan in the family, Sky petition.

Sky News will beam the top stories

opera, drama and ballet.

But there's even more to come! From the spring, The Disney Channel will bring the Magic Kingdom to your living room with classic cartoons, films and made for relevision features.

The Disney Channel will be available on subscription, along with Sky Movies, for just £12 a month.

The hot competition in the high street guarantees that viewers who want to tune in to Sky will have the widest possible choice of equipment at the keenest possible prices.

Leading international brand names join Sky in sponsorship deals

TOP international companies conditions at Europe's top ski are lining up to be part of the resorts. Sky Television entertainment revolution.

tainment station, Sky Channel. Britain.

The Ford Ski Report will bring viewers the excitement of the 1989 World Alpine Skiing Championships.

From Vail, Colorado,

Nescafe has meanwhile

signed up as sponsor of the UK Ford, Coca-Cola and Top 40 chart show. It will be Nescafe are among the first presented by Capital Radio DJ major sponsors of programmes Pat Sharp from the streets of on the 24-hour general enter- major cities throughout



the first time give viewers in Britain the chance to tune in to the top European sounds with their Sky satellite dish.

"These important sponsorship deals prove that Sky Television is offering advertisers entirely new types of opportunities to put their products before viewers," said Mike Whittington, Sky Television's director of sales.

"This is the first time that



ameson scoops top job on Sky

TOP COCKNEY Derek "Del Boy" Jameson is to become the new king of chat - exclusively on Sky Channel.

Jameson says his new show starting in February on Sky is the "most exciting thing that has ever happened to me."

And in a dig at the competition, he added: "This gives me what Wogan has always wanted - a late-night chat show, five times a week."

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presenters Ray Robinson and Katie Foster, both experienced skiers themselves, will be following the fortunes of the world's top skiers, especially for Sky.

The championships conclude with the slalom event when the explosive Italian, Alberto Tomba, will be trying to add to the two gold medals the top 10 with my first sinhe won in 1988.

also go behind the scenes for Chant reached the number 11 interviews, resort reports and position in the charts this year. reviews of all that's new in the world of ski fashion and equipment.



Sky sponsors

"Landing this is even more exciting than almost making e won in 1988. gle," said Sbarp, 27, whose The Ford Ski Report will cover version of Let's All Adding a new dimension to the entertainment on Sky, Coca-Cola will sponsor a

As an added bonus, for the unique European chart show. kind of sponsorship deal. We active enthusiast, Sky offers Available for the past three are looking only for those deals twice weekly five minute re- years to audiences throughout that will give viewers the best ports on the snow and weather Europe, the Eurochart will for in entertainment."

advertisers in the UK have had the chance to sponsor programmes in this way. We believe that sponsorship will play a big role in Sky, to allow viewers to receive top quality programmes, while giving advertisers a unique platform." he added.

The demand from major companies to join the Sky Television revolution is expected to grow even more in the months ahead. Sky's sales department is ready to assist advertisers to tailor a unique sponsorship package, hut Whittington warns:

"We're not looking for any

Outrageous Derek Jameson trumps Wogan on Sky Channel

Satellite expert takes a knife to MAC

TOP satellite expert Steve Birkill has warned consumers an authoritative trade publicato be careful when they eval- tion, he says: uate the claims being made for the various satellite systems.

He says the PAL television system currently in use - and chosen by Sky for all its programmes - is just fine for satellite reception.

Claims being made by a rival satellite group which has selected a new and complicated he suggests.

MAC's backers have made a series of claims about their system that are "not only misleading, they're simply not true." Birkill says.

Sky Television has rejected MAC. We feel it adds expense and complexity to television without offering benefits to viewers. We believe viewers will not want to throw away their television sets and start again.

Birkill, who is credited with building the FIRST home satellite television system in Britain, has been taking a bard look at the claims being made for MAC, and agrees.

In an article in Satellite A-Z, obsolete.

· Forget taping pro-• Forget better pictures and grammes in MAC. Your home sound from MAC. The MAC VCR will work only in PAL. transmissions planned by some • Forget the claims that others will have to be reonly MAC can offer stereo converted back to the standard PAL colour system before they sound and other refinements. PAL is capable of providing can be viewed on most telestereo, too, he says. vision receivers.

• Forget promises that move in choosing conventional dishes for Sky will be able to transmission system called MAC will offer wide-screen technology, PAL, to generate upgrade them later, if MAC MAC should not be believed, TV. It will be years before such an inexpensive direct-to-home ever does take off.

sets are available, and when satellite TV mass consumer they are, MAC could itself be market in 1989" and the inexpensive PAL technology will

continue as Europe's main broadcasting system for years and years.

Birkill notes, too, that those planning to introduce MAC television will require viewers to buy a special aerial that will not be able to receive Sky pro-Birkill says Sky "made a wise grammes. But those who huy



Amstrad dishes come off the production line

SKY LINES Welcome aboard!

VIEWERS who buy the dish to tune into the six wonderful channels offered by Sky Television will get an extra bonus - three more Englishlanguage channels. W H Smith plans to take two channels on Sky's Astra satellite; publisher Robert Maxwell is taking a third, for a music television channel. We welcome these new channels onto Astra. We believe that the competition among different programmers means even more value for

viewers. So when you go out to choose a

dish, make sure you get the one that will bring you the most - the dish for Sky.

Promoting Sky A TOP London advertising agency has been named to

Jameson Tonight will be ourrageous, but most of all entertaining, promised the former Fleet Street editor. turned media star.

"Working for a new TV service with six channels is tremendously exciting. It's the biggest development in television for 30 years."

Jameson, 59, will go out on Sky each night at 10.30pm and his action-packed show will feature celebrity interviews, live music and controversy.

"Being on late at night means I can be more outspoken than other cbat show hosts," Jameson said. "Wogan's show is predictable. I will go where others fear to tread.'

handle the massive

media campaign planned for the launch of Sky. Lowe Howard-Spink is planning an exciting burst of advertisements to tell the public about the benefits of Sky **Television.** Watch your neighbourhood poster sites! **Choice dish GRUNDIG**, the respected German electronics company, predicts that it will sell more than 100,000 satellite receivers and dishes in 1989, worth more than £40m. The Grundig satellite system will be available at DER, Multi-**Broadcast and Focus** outlets for rental and at Rumbelows for outright purchase. Grundig claims that its system is technically outstanding; it includes a high-tech, stylish dish and a set-top tuner capable of receiving 49 separate channels so it's ready for the new satellite services of the future,

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Washington spells out punitive tariffs in response to 'unfair' ban on meat exports

EEC 'blocking efforts to avert a trade war'

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

cent tariff.

Mr Clayton Yentter, Presi- juices; wine "coolers" - a dent-elect George Bush's Agri- mixture of wine and soda culture Secretary and present-ly the US Trade Representative, accused European coun-tries of blocking efforts to The US move further resolve the latest trade skir-strains US-European trade mish under the auspices of the relations at a time of separate General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade.

The new tariffs are in Europe United retaliation for a European ban nn US beef imports that contain growth hormones. Mr Yeutter said the Community had yet to present any evidence that proper use of the hormones threatened human health. "Therefore the decision to implement the ban constitutes an unfair trade practice," he said. The US measures take effect

at 12.01 am on Sunday. "We are not looking for this to become nasty and ugly," Miss Kelly Shipp, an aide to Mr Yeutter, said. Other officials, however, expressed concern that the skirmish could be the beginning of a bitter trade war. Officials of both countries are expected to get together early next year to assess the situation and stop it from escalating

The European ban, which. affects most American beef. will cost US beef producers \$100 million (£58.8 million) a year in lost sales. Producers have already

halted shipments to Europe in

The United States, citing "un- anticipation of the ban. The effect "as long as US meat Denmark: \$24 million of fair trade practices" by the American tariffs cover Euro- trade is interrupted due to the tinned tomatoes from Italy European Community, an-pean beef, pork hams and ban. The size of the retaliation nounced details yesterday of shoulders (excluding those reflects the estimated amount European imports that will be pre-cooked and packaged); of lost sales opportunities for This is a maintering 100 per subject to a punitive 100 per canned tomatoes; soluble or US meat exporters." instant coffee extracts; fruit The higher tariffs will have

only a minimal effect on American consumers. Wine water - and pet food. They, too, are worth about \$100 coolers, for example, account for less than 0.2 per cent of US wine cooler sales. The tariffs are bound to

knock European hams off the US shelf, however. A ham that relations at a time of separate fights over global farm-trade costs \$8 at the supermarket costs the US company that must confront the imports it abont \$5, so its States in "John Wayne" fashion over the threatened trade war, a

■ BRUSSELS: The EEC Trade Commissioner, Mr Willy De Clercq, said yes-terday that the retaliatory measures annunced by the Conservative MP said yes-terday (Richard Ford, Polteresy (meaning rout, rout, rou-itical correspondent, writes) Mr Kenneth Warren, chair-man of the all-party House of Commons trade and industry committee, said neither Emmeasures announced by the Americans "are totally unjustified and contrary to the international trade rules laid down in the GATT" (A Correspondent writes). ope nor America would win a "Any country, and this includes the European Com-munity, is entitled to take

trade war, but the EEC must stand firm against "macho" attitudes in the US. whatever measures it judges reforms, and American connecessary to protect the health cerns that the European of consumers provided this is Community's planned market done in a non-discriminatory integration in 1992 will dam-age US interests. way," he said.

The retaliatory measures "I regret that the United announced by the Americans States is forced to retaliate," are a 100 per cent increase in Mr Yeutter said. A statement issued by his office said the duties on seven categories nf products coming from various daily production of hormones EEC countries. in humans, even in the most

The trade that will sensitive segment of the population, was far higher affected is as follows: \$6 million of exports a year of than the minuscule levels left boneless beef from Denmark in meat from treated animals. and \$1 million of boneless It added that the tariff beef from Ireland; \$300,000 of EEC is still open for talks and increases would remain in pork hams and shoulders from is keen to get a settlement.

and \$11 million from Spain; \$13 million of instant coffee from Germany and \$2 million from The Netherlands; \$37 million of fermented alcoholic beverages containing less than 7 per cent alcohol by volume from Italy (mostly wine-cool-ers), and about \$1 million each of alcoholic drinks from Spain and France; \$9 million of full juices from the Netherlands and Belgium; \$13.5 million of pet food from Germany and \$2 million from

Britain. According to the EEC, Italy will be the country most affected by the US measures, with about \$60 million worth of trade a year put in jeopardy. Germany at \$35 million and Spain at \$12 million are the next most affected, while Portugal, Greece and Luxem-bourg will not be involved at all in the dispute.

As counter-retaliation, EEC foreign ministers bave agreed to a list of imported American products on which duties could be raised by up to 100 per cent, although there will have to be a further meeting nf the Council of Ministers to agree to the level of duties.

The US products already singled out for counter-retaliatory measures by the EEC include natural honey, shelled walnuts and dried fruit.

An EEC spokesman yes terday confirmed that the EEC's counter-retaliation could go into effect as early as next week. But he said that the



On the attack: President-elect George Bush, whose future Administration faces a bitter trade wrangle with the European Community, out hunting quail in Berclair, Texas.

'Not a hazard' for humans

By Thomson Prentice, Science Correspondent The proper use of growth hormanes in meat production posed "no conceivable haz-ard" to human health, Europe's leading researcher in the field said yesterday. Professor Eric Lamming, of

Nottingham University, who chaired a scientific committee set up by the European Parliament to investigate the subject, strongly criticized the decision to introduce a Euro-pean Community ban on importing meat from the United States which had been treated with the hormones.

The ban takes effect on Sunday, but Professor Lam-ming said yesterday: "The issue has gone beyond scientific evidence and has become nne nf politics and inter-national trade. It is a very unfortunate situation. The evidence has been ignnred in favour nf misinformed consumer pressure." After fnur years' research,

Professor Lamming and 21 other European experts in toxicology cuncluded three years ago that there was no risk to humans in cating meat from animals properly treated with three natural hormnnes, testosterone, oestradiol and progesterone.

In 1987, after further investigations, the experts gave the same verdict on two synthetic compounds. However, despite the evi-

dence which it had requested from the committee, the European Parliament banned the use of all five products.

Glasnost for the traveller

Moscow to ease entry and exit restrictions

From Mary Dejevsky, Moscow

troduce what it says will be model. There would be extensweeping changes in its entry sive changes in personnel and and exit regulations in an an attempt would be made to attempt to make travel to and bring the standard of consular rently apply to Soviet citizens ing" on foreign policy.

abroad are to be lifted. The Soviet attitude to dual

The Soviet Union is to in- their romance in the export The Soviet authorities are reported to have put out feelers to some eminent Russians abroad, asking whether they might be interested in from the country easier. Many staff up to that required by the returning, temporarily or of the restrictions which cur- Soviet Union's "new think- permanently, and leading artpermanently, and leading artists and sportsmen are increas-

The future guideline for the soviet Union's 194 consulates contracts in the West. contracts in the West

Sakharov on peace mission to Armenia

From Mary Dejevsky Moscow

Dr Andrei Sakharov, the Soviet physicist and buman rights campaigner, spent four days last week on a factfinding visit to the Transcaucasian republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, it was

revealed yesterday. Dr Sakharov and his wife, Mrs Yelena Bonner, were among a group of Soviet academics who had talks with leading Armenian and Azerbaijani academics. They also visited the region of Nagorno-Karabakh which is at the

bakh is administered by Azer-tuals in Armenia and Azer-failed. Many Armenians had baijan, its population is baijan have been accused by hoped that Mr Gorbachov baijan, its population is baijan have been accused by predominantly Armenian. Armenians claim that the region's development has been neelected and their people

discriminated against. Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, said yesterday that the visit was unofficial and had nothing to do with any attempt Moscow might be

trying to make to mediate between the two republics. Group visits by Soviet parts of the Soviet Union. academics for discussions He could also be regarded Karabakh which is at the with their counterparts else- an impartial figure in the centre of the continuing dis- where in the Soviet Union are Nagorno-Karabakh dispute,

Soviet convoy leaves Kabul

From Edward Gorman, Kabul

Amid growing speculation of heading for Jabal as-Siraj, just Sevan, representative in Ka-an imminent resumption of south of the Salang tunnel at bul of the UN observer mis-the Soviet troop withdrawal, a the base of the Panjshir valley. Since He said he expected at

Kahul regime issued a threat

of military action against the

Mujahadin in the valley un-

less they ceased attacks there,

analysts here believe that the

convoy is part of efforts to

improve security on the road

before the start of the final

The Russians are estimated

to have about 50,000 troops

withdrawal.

Moscow of fomenting the would agree to the transfer of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenationalist unrest. nia, but he rejected that Early last summer President solution. They no longer believe that he can be an Gorbachov summoned leading writers from the two republics and reportedly asked impartial arbiter.

them to use their influence to Violence has afflicted both appeal for calm. Dr Sakharov, because of his

republics for nearly a year. In February, incidents in and around Nagorno-Karabakh buman rights activity and support for Mr Gorbachov's culminated in what has been officially described as a poreform programme, now engrom against Armenians liv-ing in the Azerbaijani city of joys special respect in many

He could also be regarded as

100,000 refugees have fied from each republic.

Violence flared again in November after a Moscow court sentenced to death Akhmed Akhmedov, an Azerbaijani said to be one of the ringleaders of the pogrom in Sumgait. Mass demonstra-tions in Baku and Yerevan, the capitals of Azerbaijan and Armenia respectively, over the summer led to be be citize the summer led to both cities being placed under curfew. A modified form of martial law is also in operation in many Sumgait in which 32 people regions of both republics.

Rumours and recrimina-

citizenship is to be revised, abroad would be consular and Moscow is reviewing the relations with a human face. sular relations.

Precise details of the proposed changes are not yet available, but the general outline emerged from a meeting of Soviet consular officials in Moscow vesterday which was addressed by the Soviet Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze.

In a newspaper interview last week. Mr Shevardnadze said the revision of entry and exit regulations was an urgent priority, along with better guarantees of civil and buman rights. the rules which will

These are areas of the 1975 Helsinki agreement in which dropped. the Soviet Union's performance has been judged to be particularly deficient.

Announcing the new regulations, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, Mr Gennady Gerasimov, said that the stripped of their Soviet meeting on consular matters citizenship while abroad have had heard strong criticism of risked prosecution for treachthe behaviour and calibre of ery if they return. Soviet consular staff abroad. The past two years have Some, he said, had been seen a gradual relaxation in accused of being obstructive Moscow's attitude to emigres, and insulting, especially to with acknowledgements that former Soviet citizens married those who left during the to foreigners or - as Mr Stalin and Brezhnev years Gerasimov expressed it col- often had reason and should ourfully - had chosen to take not all be considered traitors.

nfficial visit of an Indian

expected to hold three meet-

ings outside the SAARC delib-

crations, which will mean-

painstaking task of building

up low-level common regional

The SAARC Council of

Foreign Ministers met yes-

terday to finalize the summit's

draft declaration, which the

current SAARC projects.

Most are fairly low level

measures, such as academie

exchange programmes. Con-

coming the two most im-

The council also reviewed

leaders will discuss.

while continue

almost 25 years.

institutions

Gandhi to break

ice with Pakistan

From Anatol Lieven, Islamabad

the

possibility of joining the 1963 At first glance, the most Vienna convention on con-striking changes would appear to be in the Soviet Union's treatment of its own citizens and former citizens. There are estimated to be more than 150,000 Soviet citizens living abroad, and about 20,000 emigres (described by Mr Gerasimov as compatriots). Until now even Soviet citizens with an up-to-date Soviet

wanting to go abroad. At present, a whole series of passport and no grudge against the authorities have vetting procedures is required before an individual can participate even in a group had to have either a personal trip to a foreign country. invitation or a ticket for an organized tour in order to visit For those wanting to travel

Union.

individually, the procedures their home country. It is not clear whether these are among for obtaining a foreign passbe port are even more rigorous. One unconfirmed report

benefited from the new ap-

proach. The work of emigre

Russian writers, including

Grossman and Voynovich hut

not yet Solzhenitsyn, is also

being published in the Soviet

The new regulations should also benefit Soviet citizens

The position of emigres suggests that in future, most interested in returning, even people who want to travel will for a visit, has been even more be allowed to so long as they can fund the trip themselves. difficult. Most have been This may dissuade the majorbarred from returning at all ity, who will lack access to and those who have been foreign currency and who may be reluctant to be funded entirely by their bosts, but it would remove the requirement of political soundness

Hind helicopter gunships fly-ing at low level on either side before a person is issued with a passport. of the road. Mr Gerasimov said yesterday that it was boped the new regulations would make business travel to and from the Soviet Union easier.

The ballet dancer and choreographer Rudolf Nureyev is one of those who has

large military convoy left Ka-

bul early yesterday beading

The convoy, of about 200

vehicles, began assembling at the buge Khair Khana Soviet

marshalling and maintenance

base on the northern perim-

Traffic on the highway was

brought to a halt by Afghan police, and for three hours

armoured personnel carriers,

ammunition trucks, lorries

carrying spare parts and fuel,

and huge transporters each carrying two APCs moved off

in a thick cloud of dust and

engine smoke. The convoy

was headed by a fleet of eight

eter of the city at dawn.

north up the Salang highway.

pute between the two re-publics. commonplace, but this visit where intervention by Com-takes on particular signifi-munist Party and government Although Nagorno-Kara- cance because leading intellec- at local and national level has in the unrest and about inflamed passions further.

by air and that the Russians

would leave large amounts nf

ity around the city has been

steadily escalating since

Christmas Day. On Tuesday

night outgoing artillery and multiple rocket barrages cre-ated a spectacular light show

Meanwhile, military activ-

equipment behind.

to the north.

are reported to have been killed. More than 60 people in all are acknowledged to have died

tions about the behaviour of Azerbaijan after the carthquake in Armenia have only

WORLD ROUNDUP Envoys see Briton held in Iran jail

Iran yesterday took a further step towards better relations with Britain by allowing two British diplnmats to visit Mr Roger Cooper, a businessman who has been beld without trial since 1985 (Andrew McEwen writes).

But while the Foreign Office and his family were encouraged, both felt some disappointment that Tehran stopped short of the mnre dramatic gesture it made on Tuesday, when Mr Nicbolas Nicola, the nther British prisoner in Iran, was unexpectedly released.

Mr Gordon Pirie, the acting British Charge d'Affaires, and Mr Victor Welborn, the Consul, spent 20 minutes with Mr Cooper at Tehran's Evin maximum security prison. With only one guard present they were able to have what sources described as "a pleasant conversation, free and easy". They said he was in good heart and looked fit and well.

The Foreign Office said it was pleased that Mr Pirie had been given access to Mr Cooper, but added: "We must not lose sight of the fact that he is still in detention."

Cafe battle resumes

Paris - The prolonged family battle for control of the Perasus Bridge Cafe, the D-Day landmark near Caen which was the first building in France to fall to British troops, has taken a new turn (Philip Jacobson writes). Lawyers for Mme Francoise Gondree-Anquetil, one of three daughters in whom the original owner bequeathed the property, are to contest the legality of its sale earlier this month for £160,000 to her sister, Mme Arlette Gondree-Pritcbett. The auction had been conducted, Normandy-style, by using lighted candles to time bids.

King to meet rebels

Madrid (NYT) - King Hassan of Morocco has agreed to meet guerrillas of the Polisario Front, who have fought his troops for 13 years over the Western Sahara and whose existence he has until now refused to acknowledge.

Diplomats said the agreement to talk directly was a significant development in efforts to end the desert war, which is at a stalemate. While both sides had previously agreed on a peace plan that called for a referendum on the territory's future, King Hassan steadfastly rejected requests by Polisario leaders for face-to-face talks.

Korea talks planned

Seoul (AP) - South Korea yesterday agreed to high-level political and military talks aimed at reducing tension on the divided peninsula. Mr Kang Young Hoon, South Korea's Prime Minister, suggested in a letter to his North Korean counterpart, Mr Yon Hyung Muk, that they head delegations to alternating talks in Seoul and Pyongyang to discuss non-interference, co-operation in select areas and building "mutual trust" in military matters. But the South's response fell short of a North Korean proposal in November for wide-ranging talks on cutting military forces.

Mendes case suspects

Rio de Janeiro - Brazilian police are interrogating four more men suspected of being involved in last week's murder of Francisco Mendes Filho, the internationally acclaimed Amazonian ecologist and labour leader (Mac Margolis writes). These arrests bring to five the number of men being held in connection with the case. All the detainces are related. However, police in the north-western state of Acre say the two chief suspects, Senhor Darly Alves, a rancher, and his brother, Alvarino, are still at large.

Strike threatens Sudan's coalition

From Andrew Buckoke Nairobi

continued in Khartoum and other Mr Rajiv Gandhi meets Miss in South Asia, the ministers Sudanese cities yesterday, the country's Benazir Bhutto here today in asked member states to im-at the start of the summit of plement the new regional the South Asian Association convention on terrorism, and for Regional Co-operation reviewed the progress of a (SAARC) - the first meeting study on the causes and between the two, and the first consequences of natural disas-

ters and on the protection nf Prime Minister to Pakistan for the environment. This study is to be com-The Prime Ministers are pleted by April 1990, and Bangladesh will host a meeting of co-ordinators of the study in the next three months. It has, however, been widely seen as a substitute for any rapid joint action.

The long absence of Indian prime ministerial visits to Pakistan reflect the traditional hostility between the two countries. They have fought three wars, and there are continuing border clashes in mountainous northern Kashmir, especially on and around the disputed Siachen Glacier. This is nne area where Miss Bbutto has said she bopes for portant issues of co-operation improved relations.

As anti-Government demonstrations

largest trade union federation called an indefinite general strike from today. The move will put additional strains on the coalitioo Government of Mr Sadiq al-Mahdi, the Prime Minister, the fragility of which has been exposed by a series of recent setbacks.

The two-million-member Sudan Workers' Trade Union Federation called the strike in response to a 600 per cent increase in sugar prices, a 50 per cent increase in cigarette prices, and a new 15 per cent tax on all locally produced consumer goods. The increases were designed to offset the wage increases of up to 500 per cent for public sector workers agreed by the Government at the beginning of the week.

Although the unions are demanding the cancellation of the price increases and the back-dating of the wage increases to July 1 - the Government proposes December 1 - the demonstrations and strikes stem as much from the general drift and decline in Sudan since Mr al-Mahdi's first coalition came to power in May, 1986. Elections in April, 1986, ended the year of transitional military government that followed the ousting of Mr al-Mahdi: Leader under pressure.

price increases and food shortages.

month, however, when there were signs that progress towards ending the fiveyear war might be possible.

largest in Parliament, agreed to proceed on the basis of a draft peace agreement signed in November in Addis Ababa between its main coalition partner, the Democratic Unionist Party and the Sudan People's Liberation Army. The Prime Minister confidently predicted a ceasefire by mid-December, and the coovening of the long awaited constitutional conference on Sudan's future political structure by year's end.

The optimism was soon dispelled by the indefinite postponement of the departure of a delegation to Addis Ababa to discuss ceasefire terms with the Liberation Army. Colonel John Garang, the organization's leader, said it had never been approached about the visit in the first place, while Sudanese ministers had talks in Khartoum with Lieutenant-Colonel Fikre-Selassie Wogderess, President Mengistu's deputy.

The discussions with the Ethiopians suggested that Mr al-Mahdi had reverted to his often repeated position that the southern war was due more to Ethinpian intervention in the form of support for the Liberation Army than to legitimate southern grievances. They also suggested he sympathized with the fundamentalist National Islamic Front, the third largest coalition partner, a fervent supporter of Sharia and a strong opponent of the Unionists' draft peace agreement, which proposes the freezing of Sharia.

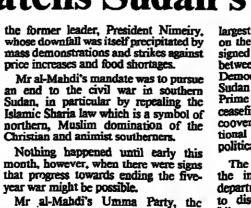
A Western diplomat on the remaining in Afghanistan which must be out of the roof of his house, armed with a stopwatch to time the delay between muzzle flash and explosion, estimated that the rounds were landing abont 20 miles away on the Shomali plain where guerrillas of the fundamentalist Hezb-i Islami (Hekmatyar) faction are

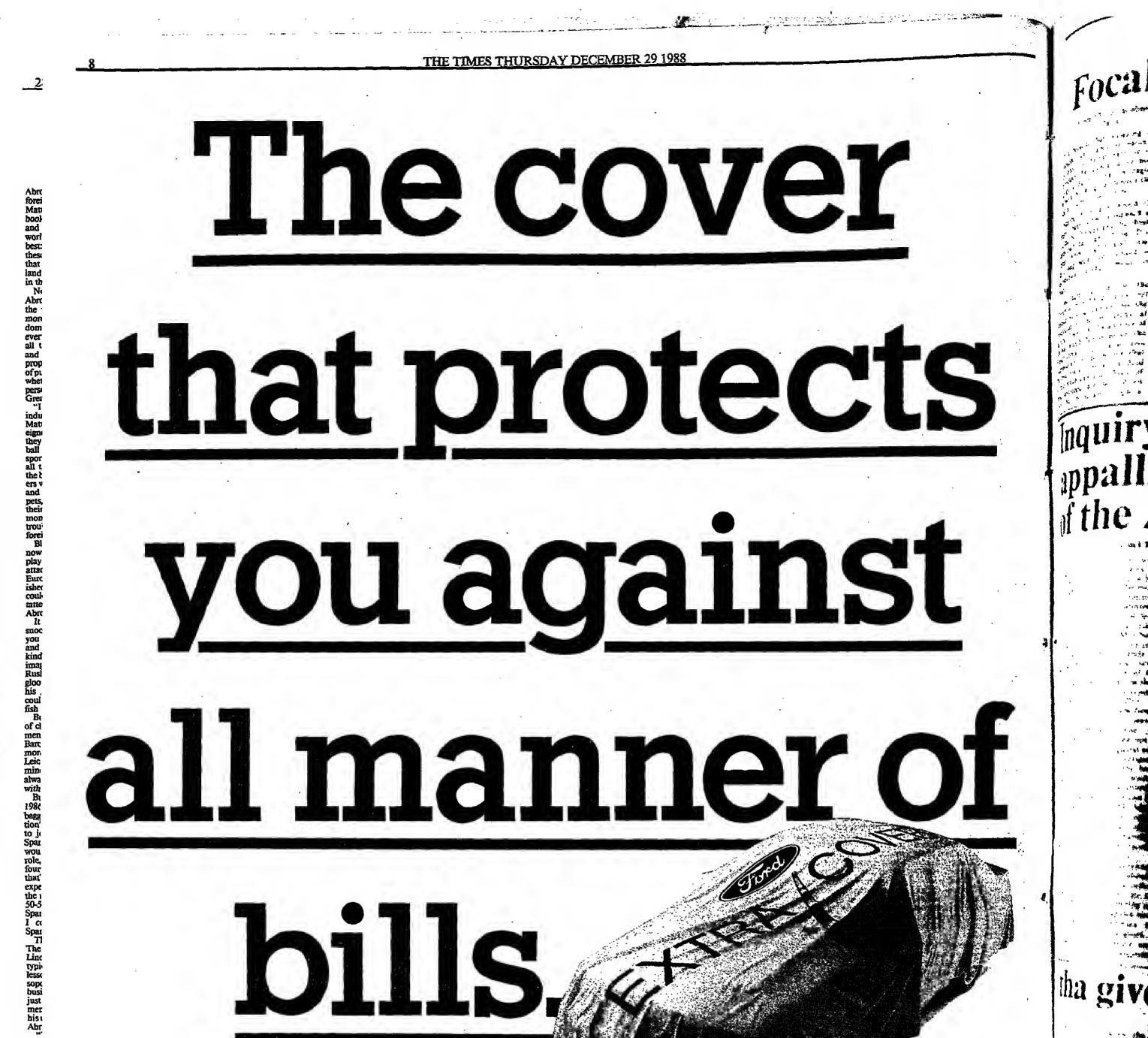
Coming just a day after the least 30,000 of the troops to go

snow, said the column was are leaving," said Mr Benon city limits.

country by February 15 under the terms of an agreement signed at Geneva in April. While Moscow continued to threaten a postponement, United Nations officials here say they are confident that the Russians will meet the agreed deadline

Soldiers outside the base of "Wc have not seen any Earlier, intensive exchanges the 103 Guard's Airborne reason to doubt the sincerity of heavy machine-gun fire, Division, stamping their feet with which they are sticking to also to the north, suggested to keep warm in hightly falling the agreement - we think they resistance activity within the





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OVERSEAS NEWS

Bicentenary of the French Revolution

Focal point missing for 'the impossible anniversary'

From Philip Jacobson Paris

By a peculiar but pleasing coincidence, as France prepares to celebrate the bicentenary of the revolution that unseated its monarchy, a battle royal is raging between the two great houses that still lay claim to the throne.

Sparing the details, which fill many a page of the Almanach de Gotha, the Orleans and the Bourbons each have an official Pretender, whose rights and titles have long been the subject of acrimonious disagreement in COURT.

Good barmless fun for the French of the Fifth Republic, yet opinion polls put support for the restoration of the monarchy at around 17 per cent. In another of the polls which they so adore, the French appear to give a decisive thumbs-down to the notion that the revolution still evokes a thrill in their republican soul. Most of those questioned said they did not believe that the ideals of egalite

and fraternite were alive and well in France today, though liberte fared rather better.

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So what should an outsider conclude from all this about contemporary attitudes to 1789, the bicentenary and the countless commemorative events, great and small, that will be taking a place throughout the land over the next 12 months?

Back in January, Le Quotidien de Paris declared, under a challenging headline "The Impos-sible Anniversary", that the essential, troubling question remained to be answered: "What is it that we will be celebrating in 1989?"

The fact is, the French really do not know, or rather, they find it quite impossible to agree among themselves. Hardly surprising, given the endless debate about who really comprised the "people" that gave France its revolution and who shoulders the blame for the blood subsequently shed in its name (there is even doubt about the Bastille having fallen on July 14). As a result, while new books on

the subject come rattling off the press in their hundreds; while scores of new plays, poems, films and exhibitions will be laid before the public; while canny entrepreneurs prepare to clean ap with tricolour baguettes and bri-oches, "Made in 1789" T-shirts and working models of Madame Guillotine, there is still no broad consensus about the real purpose of the bicentenary celebrations.

Perhaps the official programme yields some ches, some evidence of a focal point for the year-long affair? The 1889 centenary was, after all, marked by a highly successful international exposition in Paris, the opening of the Eiffel Tower and the inauguration of the city's new zoological gardens. In short, a pretty good show for France and the French, particularly if you were in Paris.

Well, 1989 was meant to see another World Fair mounted here, hut that idea sank without trace, victim, say some insiders, of political in-fighting between Presi-dent Mitterrand and his former

conservative Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, who was, and still is, Mayor of the capital as well. there was any justice, it would be named after Edgar Faure, the veteran French politician who died

There was also supposed to be a grand light and music show nomited in the middle of Paris by Jean-Michel Jarre. Alas, that has foundered too, and again the ramours attribute this to the determination of M Mitterrand and M Chirac to do each other down at every opportunity during

bicentenary year. Setting politics and prejudice aside, the closest thing to an uncontroversial theme running through bicentenary year is its celebration of the Declaration of the Rights of Man. The only permanent monument that the 1989 celebrations will leave behind is the great arch of La Defense - an enormous concrete cube with a hollow centre being crected in the business zone on the western fringe of Paris.

As plans stand, it will eventually ouse a Foundation for the Rights of Man, a combination of research institute and ethical think-tank. If in harness (like his predecessor as director of the much troubled Bicentenary Commission.

He first conceived the idea of locating the Foundation in a building that would provide a majestic perspective looking down through the Arc de Triomphe into Place de la Concorde, where Louis XVI and others fell to the sharp hlade of revolutionary justice.

In a rather different category, President Mitterrand's pet pro-ject, the futuristic pyramid in the courtyard of the Louvre - admired and despised with equal fervour hy those who view it - is to become accessible to the public during the 1989 celebrations. The new opera house at La Bastille is scheduled to open its doors with a July 13 gala performance. Given the problems that have plagued it, opening on time for the public in January, 1990, would be a significant

As for the Arc de Triomphe.

Ferry survivors join search for bodies

when it finally emerges from the shrond of red, white and blue plastic sheeting that covers urgent reconstruction work we can look forward to seeing a dozen obelisks of glass and stone surrounding it. emitting brilliant beams of light every hour as they mark time and date in accordance, appropriately,

with contemporary and revolutionary calendars. And that is quite enough of Paris, where the chattering classes tend to dismiss the coming celebrations, with exquisite condescension, as the "bicentenaire arlesienne" - an irredeemahly provincial affair. And in fact, the provinces do seem to be a great deal more enthusiastic about 1989. At last count, the Bicentenary Commission had registered some 4,000 celebratory projects outside the capital.

As is right and proper, 1789 will also be remembered and much toasted abroad. Almost 1,500 projects have been

approved, the majority in the United States and Latin America,

where events in France were to stamp themselves indelibly on national destiny (though West Germany will also be mounting a Festival of Liberty in West Berlin).

But while the many grandes spectacles planned will certainly give the crowds plenty to cheer about, there still seems to be a curious void at the centre of bicentenary celebrations. According to M Andre Glucksmann, the French philospher and intellectual - the latter a full-time profession here - the public will find itself presented with "a pasteurized, dissected, cling-wrapped revolution".

The centenary of 1789, M Gincksmann argues, had "trum-peted that the Revolution had trimphed and was over". This time around, in his stern judgement, there is no serious attempt to encourage ordinary people to examine 1789 and what it gave rise to in France as a historic whole, "with its pages of glory and moments of horror".

Iran court

sentences

millionaire

to death

Nicosia (Reoter) — An Iranian

court yesterday condemned a multi-millionaire to death for corruption and ordered that

he and a woman friend be ashed for an illegal sex act.

Ali Mousavi set up a non-

interest loan foundation and

became a multi-millionaire

after the 1979 Islamic Revolu-

tion, the Iranian News Agency

Mousavi, who headed the

private Nabovvat Founda-

tion, was also ordered to pay

1.21 hillion rials (£9,9 million)

to 17 creditors. The sentence

is subject to the approval of the Supreme Judicial Council.

30 killed in

Delhi rioting

Delhi (AFP) - Rioting

sparked off by the murder of a

state MP continued in south-

ern Andhra Pradesh, with the

reported.

Inquiry condemns appalling neglect of the Aborigines

From Christopher Morris, Sydney

Aborigines are arrested and detained in Australia have been recommended in the preliminary report of a Royal Commission inquiry into Ab- pointed. original deaths in police custody.

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Among the changes to the law recommended by the Commission, headed by Mr Justice Muirhead, are a review of recruitment procedures and the dismissal of racist police know the truth and added that and prison officers, and an the country's reputation "will end to solitary confinement of Aboriginal prisoners. There is also a call for the abolition of drunkenness as a criminal offence and for prison to be used only as a last resort.

The interim report yesterday was rushed through at the broader issues of why because of the urgent oced to focus national attention on the deaths in custody have continued to occur and how what Mr Muirhead described they can be prevented. as "the result of ignorance and appalling neglect".

The chief commissioner's recommendations are among 56 put forward in his report at the end of the first year of the inquiry in which another 15 Aborigines have died - often in mysterious circumstances

Sweeping changes to the way in full relating to only six receive basic training so they cases. As a result the hearings have had to be extended until the end of 1990 and five new commissioners have been ap-Referring to what he called "a national tragedy" Mr Muirhead said in the report:

esty prevails".

injury or suicide.

"Our country's reputation debeing left alone for hours. mands a vigorous approach and new initiatives." He de-clared that Australians must suffer internationally if are at risk. expediency rather than hon-

The long-awaited report Government has welcomed does not recommend charges against anyone involved in the speedy implementation. investigation so far but looks

Mr Muirhead said all state said: "The Aboriginal people Governments should combine to set up a national task force which, if implemented by to examine the alcohol problems faced by the Aboriginal

said, should not be taken to activist Mr Michael Mansell police cells but taken instead claimed the report did not

can identify people in distress or at risk of death through

Many of the Aborigines who have died in police custody have been found hanging in their cells from sheets, blan-kets or items of clothing after Mr Muirhead recommends that in future Aboriginal detainees should never be subjected to solitary confinement unless they or other detainces First reactions to the report

the recommendations and promised to oversee their Speaking in Hobart, Tasmania, the Justice Minister, Mr Michael Tate, who officially released the interim report,

governments, will reduce the custody.'

lotoxicated Aborigines, he either to their nomes or to address two critically in Rescuers holding the safety rope of a diver who has the disaster.

"Many bodies have been surfaced during a search for carried downstream by the currents and about a hundred victims after a ferry sank in Bangladesh with 350 pasothers are trapped inside the

sanken boat," Mr Kasen The MV Hasail sank at the confluence of the Dhaleswari Mannan, the town's civilian and Sitalakhya rivers after it administrator, said. collided with a tanker in thick He and the local police fog oo Tuesday (Ahmed Fazl

writes). Grieving survivors joined

accounted for 48 hours after year-old daughter lie in the the tanker on Tuesday mornboat," Mr Shahid Ullah, a potato trader aged 32, said. He himself jumped off the deck into the river after the collision.

"We are still waiting for the government salvage ship to arrive," Mr Mannan said as anxious relatives besieged chief, Mr Khuda Baksh, were him. The country's only sal- said that more than 1,000 trying to identify approxi-mately 20 bodies which have southern port of Khulna, about disasters in Bangladesh in the

ing. Police said many survivors were rescued by villagers who rashed to the scene of the disaster with small canoes. But they said women and children, mostly on the lower deck, were trapped and went down with the boat. The Ministry of Shipping

death toll rising to 30. Thousands of supporters of rival political groups who defied a curfew in 24 towns and cities attacked the homes of state ministers and MPs and set fire to banks, cinemas, government offices and schools and colleges. Seven die

Hong Kong (AP) - Seven men were executed in Shanghai for offences including murder, at-

tempted rape and robbery

immediately after their sen-

tences were announced by

officials at a public rally.

Birthday gift

Kathmanda (Reuter) – King Birendra of Nepal marked his 43rd birthday by ordering the release from jail of 177 people,

including 30 political

Moscow (Reuter) - The

Soviet Union carried out an

underground nuclear explo-

sion at its range in central

Nuclear test

prisoners.



have been mixed. The federal

have some practical steps now

possibility of deaths in However, the Aboriginal

- after being arrested.

The Royal Commission is now investigating 108 deaths but the hearings have become bogged down in legal argument and so far Judge

Aborigines. Muirhead has heard evidence

people.

"sobering up centres". He also portant questions: "How do suggests new community pro- we stop the number of Abgrammes to treat drunken origines going into custody?" Police and prison officers, stop that number, how do we he recommended, ought to protect them ... in the cells?"

he asked, "and even if we can't

searching for floating bodies five miles sonth of the river town of Munshiganj as rescue officials yesterday gave up hope of finding alive any of the more than 200 passengers not "My wife and my three-

Witnesses said about a hundred passengers, mostly on the safety as it collided head-on with the tanker and capsized.

Most of the passengers on The Ministry added that the boat came from Munshi-ganj, 30 miles south of Dhaka. Earlier reports said about 400 most mishaps occurred because of serious overcrowding and attempts to navigate with-out lights in Bangladesh's people were missing after the double-decker ferry rammed winding rivers.

Prescription for a true tonic

Botha given election warning

delay an election battle.

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

the Coloured (mixed-race) leader of South Africa's Labliament - for whites, Indians and Coloureds - are to be held by the end of March, 1990, our Party, is threatening to insist on a scheduled general election in 1990 unless the Government repeals one of the cornerstones of apartheid, the Group Areas Act.

Addressing his party's congress in Bloemfontein on Tuesday night, he claimed that the ruling National Party was concerned about the increasing strength of the far-right Conservative Party and

wished to delay an election until 1992. "If they are looking for support in this regard, they will first have to give us a clear indication as to the direction in which they wish to send the country," he said.

A street vendor in Belgrade,

right. selling calendars

adorned by pictures of Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Ser-

and it would require a constitutional amendment supported by the Labour Party to postpone them. Mr Hendrickse's party, which controls the Coloured chamber. has consistently called for the abolition of the President Botha could expect to retain a comfortable major-Act, which makes racial segregation of residential areas ity in the white chamber.

Part of the rationale for an compulsory. "The National Party and early election is that it would give the ruling party a clear the white voters will in years five years to pursue its policy of cautious liberal reforms, to come have to pay a high price for this unholy and unand end the electioneering Christian Act," he said. The power of Mr Hendrickatmosphere in which every decision must be judged by its se's latest ultimatum is, how-

untry," he said. Elections for all the cham- Government is clearly conacceptability to the right. Serbs trade on a personality cult

The Rev Allan Hendrickse, bers of the tricameral Par- cerned by the rise of the overwhelmingly at its congress yesterday to continue extreme right, it is by no means certain that it wishes to participating in the tricameral stem of government, despite Results of municipal elecits shortcomings.

ngers on board.

Meanwhile, an attempt to tions last October indicated forge a new liberal alliance in that the Conservative Party opposition to the Government would have difficulty in increasing its 34 per cent share has suffered a setback with the of the white vote if a general refusal of Dr Willem de Klerk to accept its leadership. election were held soon, and

Dr de Klerk, a former newspaper editor, emerged last week as a leading figure in negotations to merge the Progressive Federal Party with the smaller Independent Party and the National Democratic Movement. He said in a statement that although he agreed with the proposed party's broad intentions, "I am not, and was not, available" The Labour Party voted for the post of leader.

Special treatment at China's department-store hospital

bottles of a special glucose drink to the Jianqiao Hospital pharmacy, and you will be handed a mirror gilded with 18-carat gold. If one of the doctors, with a wink and a grin, hands you a prescription for a tonic he knows full well that, in return for the slip of

paper, the nurse in the pharmacy will give you a bottle of rice wine. And thanks to a large dose

of financial sleight of hand on the part of the hospital, yon can smile back happy in the knowledge that your work unit will be paying for your "medicine" - a true tonic. This hospital is just one of

many operating an ingenious secret prescription code swindle in the city of Wuhan, according to the Economic Daily. Of the 142 "patients" seen by one doctor, 135 were

From Catherine Sampson, Peking Take a prescription for five sumer goods alongside medi- coffee, wine, mirrors and telecine. Cameras and pearl necklaces are being offered by some hospitals as part of their treatmcni

Profit is the name of the take along any receipt from game. Everyone wins - except any shop, and turn it miracu-the state. The hospitals are lously into a receipt for medimaking the same hefty profits that are made by any private do is pay the hospital an administration fee of 30 per

Nanking (Renter) - Thousands of angry Chinese defied riot police and a ban on

demonstrations for the third successive day to protest against African students at Henhai University. The Africans were involved in a clash with Chinese employees on the campus on Saturday night.

store which sells hard-tocome-by goods.

Meanwhile, patients who are government employees or students do extremely well out goodies as medical expenses. care has gone down, but the Thus the state enterprises monthly bonuses are

sions store, dealing in con- and offices are paying for amazing."

Asia, the third this month. **Floating hotel** vision sets in Wuhan. They must have wondered about the poor health of their staff. Helsinki (Reuter) - A Finnish company plans to use a re-fitted North Sea oil-rig accom-At a few hospitals, you can modation vessel as a floating hotel off Tallinn, the capital of Soviet Estonia, to help ease cal expenses. All you have to

the city's shortage of tourist accommodation. Everest bid cent of the value of the receipt. The dirty dealings were Salt Lake City (AP) - An international team of 14, including Peter Hillary, son of exposed when local people wrote to the city authorities, and an investigation was launched into the financial Sir Edmund Hillary, who conquered Mount Everest in wizardry behind the em-1953, will tackle the peak in bezzlement. The scheme the spring. would not work quite so

Farming clash smoothly in the small number of cities which are experiment-Mexico City (Renter) - Six ing with changes to the system of free medical care. peasants from rival farmers'

organizations were killed and The loot is divided up and eight injured in a clash over a land dispute in the Gulf of issued to hospital staff in the form of large bonuses or consumer goods. One hospital Mexico state of Veracruz. worker clutching a 200-yuan bonus (£33) said: "I didn't do **Kidnap victim** Fasano (Reuter) - A husinessmuch work; the standard of man aged 64 was kidnapped outside his home near this

southern Italian town.

Guerrillas disrupt Bangladesh accord

From Ahmed Fazl Rangamati, Bangladesh

As the flames from the funeral pyre of Shantimoy Dewan, a tribal chieftain, flickered in the winter wind in this hill resort town yesterday, hopes for a quick end to the 17-year jungle war in southeastern Bangladesh appeared bleak.

Mr Dewan, aged 60, gunned down last week by unidentified assailants in a crowded bazaar, was the vital link between Dhaka and Chakma tribal guerrillas demanding independence for the 11,000 square miles of hills and tropical teak forests.

Security forces blamed the assassination on extreme elements in the "Shanti bahini" (Peace Force) - the underground tribal army.

Despite the optimism of the area's chief military commander, Major-Gen-eral Abdus Salam, several members of

the National Committee on Tribal of expectations of the hardliners within Affairs have expressed doubts about a speedy implementation of a peace treaty between government representatives and the guerrillas.

A committee member, who did not want to be named, said: "It is now certain that the treaty will face rough times and may not be put into effect

early next year as predicted." Mr Dewan, a moderate Buddhist Chakma chief, wielded influence over the guerrillas and was instrumental in working out the treaty which would have given limited autonomy in the Chitta-gong Hill Tracts through the formation of elected hill councils.

Sources said that the treaty, details of which had not been officially disclosed. empowered elected tribal leaders to run the local administration including policing, tax collection and development. But the councils have apparently fallen short the "Parballa Challagram Janashanghati Samity" (Chittagong Hill Tracts People's Unity Front) who control the fighting cadres dominated by the main Chakma tribe.

The concept of the autonomous councils for the districts of Rangamati. Khagrachari and Bandarban grew out of year-long negotiations between the national committee, moderate Chakma chiefs and tribal guerrillas. Mr Dewan liaised between the Government and the guerrillas.

The extremists have shown their disapproval of the councils by doing away with Mr Dewan and four others in the past week," said Mr Goutum Dewan, an associate of the murdered chief.

President Ershad, flew to Rangamati town on Monday to show that his Government still backed a limited autonomy plan for the tribal land.

bian Communist Party chief who led millions of Serbs in a protest against ethnic Alba-nian control of Serbia's Kosovo province. Mr Milosevic, the subject of fast-growing personality cult, has gone to extraordinary lengths to prevent pictures of his wife, Mirjana, from appearing in the Scrbian magazine NIN. Editorial sources there said that the magazine reproduced an illustrated essay by Mr Milosevic's wife, a sociology lecturer (Reuter reports).

When the politician heard about it, NIN's presses were stopped and 12,000 copies of the magazine scrapped.

Magazine sources said Mr Milosevic feels awkward about his own personality cult and believes his political opponents could use publicity building up around his wife to make him a laughing stock.

 Kosovo fears: The Yugoslav leader, Mr Branko Mikulic, old the National Assembly that the situation in the troubled Kosovo region had worsened as a result of massive



demonstrations last month by tens of thousands of Albanians (Dessa Trevisan writes). The protests had heightened

ingly Albanian administration stigating street demonstraagainst intimidation by mili- tions in order to block Serbian tant Albanian separatists. the feeling among the Serbs Since the protests, Serbian tional changes extending Serthat they are not accorded full delegates have accused some bia's jurisdiction to the region.

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SPECTRUM

Lawyer with ink on his hands

LOUIS BLOM-COOPER ouis Blom-Cooper, QC, has paid the penalty of being too clever and too catholic in his passions. Had he been a little less bright, and a little more singleminded in his pursuit of legal success, he would undoubtedly have been at least a judge of the Court of Appeal by now, if not e Law Lord. Instead, he has taken on the near-impossible task of rescuing the Press Council from terminal disrespect.

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The irony that his first official day as the Council's chairman oo Monday will be spent recovering from a recent heart bypass opera-tion is not lost on him. If he were not so cheerful and enthusiastic, he would see an omen in the conjunction of a sick man (albeit temporarily) taking control of a sick organization (possibly perma-nently). But Blom-Cooper is a master of turning losing causes into winners, or at least of arresting their decline. If he cannot restore confidence in - and to - the Press Council, that body's days are surely numbered. He looks on his awesome job in the way he has treated all the

many and varied challenges of his long career - with good humour. wide-eyed excitement and an optimism which usually runs wildly counter to the realistic odds against his success. A new cause or a new interest to Blom-Cooper is like a new toy to a child. Some toys last longer than others, some break, and some he tires of. But to each he never gives less than his full attention, commitment and intelligence. People who consider Blom-Cooper a butterfly and a dilettante do oot understand the man. His prodigious intellect and capacity for work have enabled him to do in one career what would fill five normal men's lives; but he has never done anything less than wholeheartedly and expertly. That is the antithesis of

the butterfly. But Blom-Cooper's very versat-ility, coupled with his tendency to support underdogs and his label as liberal and Liberal, made him an awkward bedfellow for the English

legal establishment. The respect which his ability attracted was tinged with that hint of suspicion which accompanies the oonconformist who does not always perform according to the un-written rules. He was not a rebel, but he was different. Nevertheless, when he retired from the Bar earlier this month after 35 years, his teeming farewell party was attended by almost all the Law Lords and e good sprinkling of the best of the rest of the higher judiciary. They came out of affection, not to make sure he was

really going. Throughout his career the Rotterdam-born Biom-Cooper (the name is an English version of the Dutch for flower buyer) has seemed like some quickfire im-pressionist reaching into his trunk to assume a bewildering succession of disguises. "He's collected so many hats, he could open a shop," a friend says admiringly.

At the Bar, he was prominent in developing the concept of judicial review, the legal challenges to the decisions of governmental and local authorities. He appeared most often for victims of apparent miscarriages of justice, people denied their human rights and civil liberties. Acting for the underdog could he lucrative as well, and he was known to be earning well in excess of £100,000 a year. Taking the £40,000-plus Press Council job (he insisted on a salary of around two-thirds of that of a High Court judge) even with his other paid-for part-time posts, will mean a significant drop in income.

Apart from his barrister's wig, he has worn most often his penalogical cap - within the Howard League For Penal Reform (including an energetic and effective stint as its chairman), on the unjustly neglected Home Sec-retary's Advisory Council on the Penal System, and in countless lectures and articles urging the reform of sentencing to ensure that fewer go to prison and for shorter periods. He has written books on such

disparate subjects as bankruptcy,



Louis Blom Cooper: if he cannot restore confidence in the Press Council, its days are surely numbered

the A6 murder, the Law Lords, capital punishment (against), and law as literature. Under his chairmanship, the inquiries into the deaths of battered children Jasmine Beckford and Kimberley Carlile were praised for their robust yet compassionate good sense, and some of his conclusions have found their way into the Children Bill now passing through Parliament. For a change of scenery, he

travelled to the Turks and Caicos Islands to head an independent inquiry into corruption in high places. He has sat on innumerable committees and is currently chairman of the Independent Committee for the Supervision of Standards of Telephone Information Services, and of the Mental Health Act Commission.

Some of his friends believe that he sleeps at night; but the common view is that he has no time for such an uninteresting and unproductive activity. He does, though, manage to lead a gregariously social and family life in Islington, with most weekends and holidays in Montgomery, Wales, with his second wife, Jane, and their three children (he has another three, grown up, by his first wife).

More to the immediate point, there is Blom-Cooper the journalist. He was The Guardian's first

BIOGRAPHY

1926: Born March 27 in Rotterdam.

- 1944-47: Army service. Late 1940s: Read law at King's College, London. 1952: Bachelor of Laws (London). Called to the Bar, Middle Temple. 1954: Doctorate in Jurisprudence, Amsterdam. 1957: Legal affairs correspondent of *The Guardian*. 1965-78: Member of Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Penal 1965-78: Member of Home Secretary's Advisory Council on the Penal System.
 1970: Became Queen's Council.
 1970-73: Chairman of the local radio council for BBC Radio London.
 1973-84: Became Chairman of Howard League for Penal Reform.
 1984: Became Vice-President of Howard League.
 1985: Chairman of inquiry into the death of Jasmine Beckford.
 1987: Chairman of Inquiry into the death of Kimberley Carlie.
 May 1988: Named as successor to Sir Zeiman Cowen as chairman of Press Council. Retired from the Bar in December.

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legal correspondent and remained on the newspaper's board of trustees until his new joh required him to resign. For 25 years he has been Justinian, the Financial Times's influential and widely read legal columnist. His identity, until recently, had been kept secret and most readers had assumed that the non de plume masked a team of writers. In fact, apart from occasional substitutes when absent, it has been all his own work.

There was once also Blom-Cooper the Observer's football writer — not some short-lived teenage scribhling joh but a regular commitment which only pressure of other work forced him reluctantly to quit. I met a man e few years ago who remarked how sorry he was that Blom-Cooper had stopped writing about football; "I often wonder what happened to him."

Appointing a real-life journalist to head the Press Council will solve few of its fundamental problems, Blom-Cooper will be judged not by whether or not he has a better appreciatioo of newspaper journalism than his predecessors - that is beyond doubt - hut on whether be can revive the standing of the Press Council in the eyes of both the disillusioned public and cynical newspaper editors.

He takes office at a time when the two best-placed Private Members' Bills both deal with ways of combating media excesses. John Browne's Bill would introduce for the first time into English law a general right to privacy; Tony Worthington's would give people claiming to have been traduced by the media the right of reply. Both Bills can be partly seen as votes of no confidence in the Press Council's ability to instil honesty and restraint into Press conduct.

The passage of the right to reply Bill - unlikely but not out of the question - would clearly have

> flotation eventually take place? 12 Which painting fetched a record of £495,000 at Sotheby's in March despite

repercussions on the work of the Council. Blom-Cooper is more relaxed about the privacy Bill. He believes that "complaints of Press intrusion into private lives could be handled by the legal process and Press Council in harness". But even that presupposes a Press Council with rather more cloud than the present version.

Blom-Cooper knows that the only way to even the imposition of statutory restrictions on the Press is to enhance the reputation of the Press Council as a body which promotes responsible selfregulation. He cannot achieve that while some newspapers continue actively to show their contempt for the Council.

ut he cannot hope to change their attitudes, or that of a public which regards the Council as inefficient and ineffeo tual, as long as its procedures

remain as they are - slow, cumbersome, involving too many members who seem not to know what they are there to do, and ultimately lacking any sanctions that command respect.

Blom-Cooper is a very persuasive man and, underneath his amiable manner, very tough. But even his strong personal authority and immense ability will find it difficult to institute the changes necessary to restore the ailing organization. If he fails - and it will probably not take long to assess whether or not he has e good chance of succeeding - he will be the first to realize and admit it. He will find a new cause, or go back to the Bar. As one Law Lord at his farewell party remarked: "This retirement has all the hallmarks of Frank Sinatra's,"

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• The author is a former Legal Affairs Correspondent of The Times.

23 What aspect of its collection did the Getty Museum sell? Why and for how much? 24 What was the name of the



artfile

Are you in the picture?

1988 has been a year of excitement, records and controversy in the world of art. Put your memory to the test

1 Can you name two types of memento mori which ara unlikely to appear on the market again, following controversy at Bonhams? 2 Which group of 20th-century British painters has advanced dramatically in value during the year? And which was the best performer of all? 3 Which great silver was saved for the nation in January? 4 Which important "heritage" items, sold by the Duke of Devonshire, were apported to the Getty Museum in January? 5 Which cathedral haa caused a storm of protest by proposing to auction an ancient chart in its possession to raise restoration funds? Can you name the chart?

6 Yorkshireman Bob Atkins claimed in January that the huge celling painting in his possession was e nasterpiece. Who was the artist and what was the 7 Which two collections should by rights have fared badly at auction due to unpleasant associations, and why? 8 Can you name the three major "showbiz" collections sold during the year? 9 Which nobleman left Nato to become chairman of Christie's? 10 From which gallery were 28 paintings stolen in February and are so far not recovered? 11 Which auctioneering company postponed flotation and why? When did the



Memory joggers: saved for the nation (left); family silver sale (right); unwanted ruby (below left); and star buyer (below right)



ANSWERS: The answers to today's arts quiz will be published in The Times tomorrow

13 Can you name the artist who painted the Dutch 17thcentury banquet still life which fetched \$11.3 million (£6.4 million) in January? 14 Which Old Master painter refuses to improve his record of around 2500,000, despite repeated offerings of his works at auction? 15 Which category of painting, pioneered by Sotheby's, suffered a flop at its second sale, with almost 50 per cent

unsold? 16 Can you name any three of five Scandinavian artists who have been performing magnificently in the market? 17 Who is the most expensive

living artist and what is his current record?

18 Which paintings, consigned by Robert and Johnny Fermor-Hesketh for sale at Christie's, were saved for the nation by the Museums and Galleries mmission? 19 From which Florentine church did the bust of Christ by Glovanni Battista Caccini, which fetched the astonishing record of 2825,000 at Sotheby's, come? 20 Which London dealer intervened in the sale at

Phillips of three drinking vessels looted from the Netherlands?

21 Which painting did the National Gallery buy as an original, only to be told by the Dortmund Museum that it was they who had the original? How much did the National Gallary and for 32 Gallery pay for it?

22 Which important 20th-century British painter's archive was bought by the Tate?

initiative. It was largely drafted by a senior EEC official and former British MEP, Stanley Johnson, and endorsed by the ontgoing Environment Commissioner and former British MP, Stan-ber Climics Davis

ley Clinton Davis. The EEC's one previous excursion into nature protection was the Birds Directive, ratified by the UK in 1979, which called on member states to designate areas of European-wide importance for birds and to safeguard certain species. The British government re-

ceived an unpleasant reminder that EEC wildlife legislation has teeth when the European Commission effectively overraled Scottish Office approval for a whisky company's plans to dig peat from the habitat of the Greenland whitefronted goose on a site on Islay nominated under the directive.

The RSPB says that for all the inadequacies of the Birds Directive - the UK govern-

Aussie Earl" who sold th family silver through the Prudential?

25 in October the American multi-millionaire John Harrington claimed he had discovered a painting by a great Venetian artist. Name the painter.

26 Can you name the biggest auction flop during the year, in terms of physical scale? 27 Which institute of higher education is thinking of setling its great collection of Victorian paintings?

28 Which great ruby failed to sell at Sotheby's New York in October?

29 Last month 200 paintings purportedly by a leading Russian artist were branded as fakes. Can you name him?

30 Who finally bought the two paintings attributed to George Stubbs which were the subject of a law case?

31 What is the name of Spain'e answer to Tom Keating, who watched es 216 of his works sold at Bonheme in November?

32 Which trade union leader paid £17 last month for a plate commemorating his namesake? Who is his

33 What did the diocese of Peterborough sell to raise funds?

34 What was it that actress Barbra Streisand paid a record price of £196,000 for this month?

35 Which category of work by Picasso was a flop at auction in October?

36 What is the world record for a single British stamp? Can you name the stamp?

ment has designated only a quarter of the 220 sites nominated by its own advisers - it has shown the worth of a European dimension to nature conservation.

The proposed habitat directive would offer far more comprehensive protection than the Birds Directive. "We cannot rely on the absence or presence of birds alone to save a particular site," says Strart Housden of the RSPB. "Places like the Flow Country, on which so much damaging conifer planting has taken lace, and the Dorset heathlands are special places that require special pleading that takes all their features into account.

"This draft is not perfect bot it is a good basis for discutsion. We are quite sure that such a measure would win wide support throughout Europe,"

Gareth Huw Davies C Times Newspepers Ltd 1998

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f conservationists want to tion initiative of the decade to defend a landscape ravaged by stop a farmer destroying a section of medieval hedge, EEC farm policies. It addresses the safeguard-ing of a colourful jumble of ne of the oldest components in the British landscape,

habitats and the creatures they can, at present, appeal to nothing higher than the man's they contain, including juniper thickets, cork oak forests, maquis, lowiand European There is not a word in the

better nature.

various layers of nature legscrees, Alpine grasslands and islation that says anything about protecting one of the most distinctive and evocative features of rural Britain. palm groves. In Britain it identifies the blanket bogs of the Flow Country, the lowland beaths of Dorset, and the decidnous woods of southern Next year the European environment ministers in England with their bluebell Brussels will start debating carpets, the draft directive of the Amon

Among the species identiproposed protection of natural fied for protection are the habitat and wild flors and Eurasian beaver, common fauna which takes the first step hamster, chameleon, lyax, towards checking the march of British wildcat, Roman snail spriculture and the developers and great raft spider.

agriculture and the development over British's hedges and In practical terms the direc-similarly threatened features tive could mean that the of mainland Europe, from the British government would montane scrub of the Canary have to designate an otter habitat on a lowland river, Islands to the tartle nesting ensuring that the banks rebeaches of Greece.

Conservation bodies see the mained unscoured and the proposed directive as the most water unpolluted. The salvaportant environment protec- tion of a prime example of Halting the bulldozers

British hedge could lie in the designation of certain old examples containing the requisite number of indicator

But even if the European ministers do accept that the EEC has a role in wider nature conservation, it could still require up to three years for the directive to be negotiated iato a form acceptable to most states.

Alistair Gammell, international affairs officer of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, says the

Next year could see European laws to protect the landscape from developers conservation bodies see the proposal as a major test of the government's commitment to

one chance they were given." Ironically, the proposed directive is a very British

nature conservation. "It could be the last chance to rescue se of the best Europeau habitats. There are still some

wonderful species - brown bears in Spain and turtles in Greece. But we haven't got long to do it. If ministers make excuses, then fature generations will not think very highly of them for throwing away the

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HEALTH

The body politic acon and eggs, Christmas cake with home-made marzipan icing, and the best Belgian chocolates: these are the admitted ses of the Minister of vealor State at the Department of Health. David Mellor is an unrepentant worshipper at what he flippantly calls "the temples of gastronomy and rarely graces the family table in Putney

He smokes the occasional cigar-ette, "only after dinner, to be sociable", which he rationalizes as probably no worse than walking own Oxford Street and breathing deeply in the rush hour" and tries to limit himself to half a bottle of wine a day, or its equivalent.

As for exercise, well, like most people, he says, he does not do as much as he would like. In fact, he does none at all, except for taking Sunday afternoon strolls with his children, Anthony, aged eight, and Frederick, four. And be observes that "as parents we always start off with great ambitions: that our kids are going to be crunching on carrots and eating nut cutlets. But they end up with the same rubbish as everyone else's."

Mellor would probably be the first to acknowledge an affinity with the central character in the new Health Education Authority heart disease commercial --slumping in front of the television, cigarette in one hand, drink in another, stuffing his face with festive leftovers - than with the absent, abstemious, Edwina Currie (although he did start opting for apples from the bowl she kept her desk, in lieu of his customary Mars Bars, and is "jolly sad" about her going, because "she did so much for prevention").

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Currie-like hlaze of publicity: at legacy of nervousness (about possible recurrence) and restricted 7.45am next Tuesday on TV-am. movement (on the physiothera-Lizzie Webb, the breakfast television station's exercise expert, pist's advice) - one good excuse who is fronting its month-long for his sedentary lifestyle. national fitness campaign, has Another is simply finding the cajoled him into appearing live with her on screen to do the "Daily Dozen" exercises she has time for exercise in a schedule that can stretch from 7am until after midnight, with Saturdays partly devised for him to do in his office. taken up with constituency work Mellor stresses that he is not and Sundays reading documents. setting himself up as a role model. "I think politicians generally are not very good role models and I "My wife Judith does some sort of Slimnastics stuff, has an exercise tape and bangs away to that, have not yet reached the stage of pomposity where I would want

David Mellor has resolved to get fitter

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and goes to the local health club. And I have friends who lead anyone to regard me in that light." Still, he has become painfully stressful lives and make a great thing about playing sport, like Jeffrey Archer, who's always aggressively and bouncily fit and conscious that his 40th birthday is fast approaching with his soft life reflected harshly in his softening manages to fit in several games of centre. "I don't carry a lot of weight anywhere other than a little squash a week. But I just haven't ot myself into that. It's hard to hit on the stomach, but I'm getting think of just another couple of

quite irritated about that. "I watch my weight - I have a seven-pound limit. I like to keep between 12 and 12 and a half hours when you absolutely have to be somewhere. *Fortunately I never feel much physical awareness of stress, but stone, which, for my height, six I'm mentally aware of it and have got a few tricks that get me out of foot, is about right. But I'm very thinking about things: I can go watch my local football team, conscious that I went into Christmas this year towards the upper end of that and that I've probably Chelsea, and completely forget gained a pound or two over the about anything but the game.

His wife treats his New Year's "My 40th hirthday is on March resolution to trim down and tone 12, and I'm determined to turn the up before March with wry amusecorner without having to think ment and understandable scepthat, if I was forced to run somewhere, I'd have a coronary ticism. "He likes big meals and good restaurants," she says. "I never feed him and he seldom cats in the House of Commons. I can't He has regular check-ups and is grateful to have avoided any see him ever giving up his occasional after-dinner cigarette."

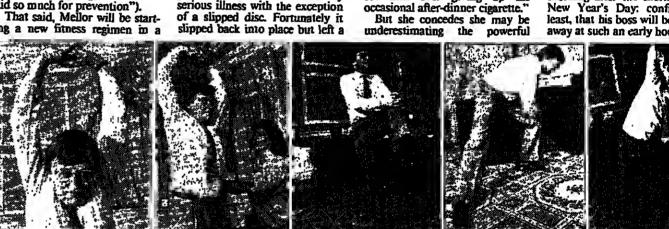
drive of vanity in a man about to turn 40, and Mellor believes that publicly stating his aim might provide the impetus which was previously lacking.

He points out, somewhat reproachfully, that he is not quite beyond salvation. He does walk a fair hit, partly because he has never learnt to drive, and usually starts his day with Greek sheep's yoghurt and honey and freshly squeezed orange juice, rather than the fry-up he eraves.

"But if you have a fried breakfast every now and then, the hell with it! Doing the drug brief at the Home Office I came strongly to believe in the theory of the addictive personality and I flatter myself that I'm not one. I also flatter myself that I could be a helt of a lot worse if I didn't exercise some discipline already."

To learn his "Daily Dozen" exercises, Mellor gamely pushed back the Regency-striped solas in his office, removed his jacket and lay on the floor beside his leathertopped, mahogany desk, admiring the view of his ornately stuccoed ceiling. In turn, he asked Lizzie Webh to produce a video of the exercises for him to play on his office television. "I need to feel compelled to do them each day. and I need to know that I'm doing them correctly," he says.

Unfortunately, his first, somewhat over-vigorous, session left him too worried about the result ing twinges in his back to follow the pmgramme over the holidays as he intended. But be is undeterred in his determination to offer a heartening example to millions of hleary-eyed penitents on the morning after the morning after New Year's Day: confident, at least, that his boss will be snoring away at such an early hour.



Bend and stretch: David Mellor practising in his office for his fitness drive. Left, he gets a novel view of the ceiling and, above, he tentatively reaches for the sky under the eye of TV-am's Lizzie Webb, before moving on to some leg and waist exercises

An infection on the wing

The importance of bird-borne infections has been highlighted recently by the serious attack of pr min which has kept the Labour MP Harriet Harman away from the Commons for some weeks. It has been due to psittacosis, parrot fever, which is traditionally thought to be caught from parrots and badgerigars but can also be spread by other birds, includiog canaries, pigeons and even the backyard hen. Harman keeps no birds, so it is just possible that she has acquired it by direct human droplet infection, the badly directed cough or succee, which occasionally occurs; however this is thought to be such a rare method of transmission that there will be no need for her fellow members to shun her in the lobby. As with many infections, ranging from the common cold to legiomtaires discase, it starts after a two to three week incubation period with general malaise doctors' jargon for fin-like symptoms. If left unchecked it soon progresses to pocamonia. Once the diagnosis is established the treatment is straightforward, provided that the correct antibiotic is given in an appropriate dose (at least double the standard dose for not less than 14 days), as psittacosis is due to one of the chlamydia group of organisms where

even the cage bird fancier with a few budgies in his back yard. A Dutch doctor, Dr Peter Holst, has shown that bird

Only 5 minutes



MEDICAL



Sick as a parrot: Harriet Harman, MP antibiotic resistance is not a problem. Untreated pneumonia psittacosis can

have up to a 30 per cent mortality. Psittacosis is not the only disease which may threaten the seafarer who returns with a parrot on his shoulder. or

thromycin or cephalosporins mother, she can now take the

developing cancer of the long irrespective of other risk factors. The research he has done demonstrates that the bird lovers are twice as likely to develop cancer of the lung as people in an otherwise simil-arly matched control group. Most of his patients (and therefore most of the controls) were smokers, so it is possible that the dust from feathers and from dried droppings may not only act as an allergen, but also adversely affect local levels of immunity within the lung, thereby acting as a co-factor in the production of the cancer. Being both a smoker and a bird-keeper is probably more dangerous than just being a SHICKET. Although cancer of the lung occurs more commonly in those countries where

keepers have an increased chance of

bird-keeping is popular, such as the Neth-erlands, Britain or Belgium, British stat-isticians have criticized Dr Holst's work for being carried out with too small numbers and for failing to make adequate allowances for class differences (which affect the incidence of cancer) between bird fanciers and the rest of the population.

Mother's milk



shed for a bed in a highly sophisticated ward, they still have to contend with the same physical and mental problems which have accompanied childbirth down the ages and must therefore have afflicted Mary nearly 2,000 years ago. Careful ante-natal care, improved monitoring equip-ment, higher standards of obstetrics and pharmaceutical advances have ensured that pregnancy, delivery and the post-natal period have become progressively safer for mother and child; even so, the first week after the hirth is a time of close medical supervision and inevitably frequent recourse to the drugs cupboard.

Dr Peter Rubin, writing in Medicine International, has reviewed the effects of drugs taken by the breast-feeding mother on her baby. Laciating mothers can be reassured; although all drugs pass to a greater or lesser extent into the milk, the degree depending on how fat-soluble the compound is, the dilution of the drug which occurs as it spreads throughout the maternal body, coupled with the fact that the baby only takes very small amounts of milk at any one feed, means that the dose he or she receives is usually unimportant.

Mothers who may need and is inclined to remember antibiotics for infection can happily have penicillins, cry-

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but should avoid tetra-cyclines, chloramphenicol or low oestrogen and proges-terone pill with safety for sulphonamides. If agitated they are allowed chlorproma-zine hut should renounce the should be avoided. oft-prescribed and much loved Valium, Librium and the other benzodiazepines, including those used as sleeping pills, which can cause weight loss and severe lethargy in the baby: likewise phenobarbitone will induce extreme sleepiness. The depressed new mother can safely take the tricyclic antidepressants, such as Tryptazol; but, even if she has a manic depressive personality, she must avoid lithium, which could cause faral cardiovascular collapse in her breast-fed baby. Mild pain can be dealt with by using

paracetamol, but the night

sister's old command of "give

her a couple of aspirin" must

now be abandoned for fear of

causing Reye's syndrome in

delivery, and while adjusting

to maternity, the breast-feed-

ing mother can therefore be

treated without fear of harm-

ing her child for pain, infec-

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the four most common com-

plications of the first few

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When she has recovered,

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herself and without ill-effect to Smart-sighted

The portrait of Humphrey Brooke which illustrated the obituary in The Times (Decem-TITTT ber 26) emphasized both his spectacles and the obvious intensity of his intelligence. Brooke, a fre-

quent correspondent to Medical Briefing on the manic depressive psychosis, took a first at Oxford, and later became secretary to the Royal Academy. Is it chance that so many intelligent people are short-sighted (myopic) or is there a connection? Sociologists and physiologists argue as to whether short-sighted children become intelligent

adults because, as they are less able at physical pursuits, they read more and become better educated; or whether the short sight is an indirect result of the intelligence, possibly because the intelligent child is naturally attracted to books and spends an excessive amount of time reading fine print, there-

decides that she does not want by altering the shape of the eyeball and inducing myopia. to breast-feed, the milk can now be dried up hy using A huge study comparing the the use of heavy doses of stil-IQ and the educational attainboestrol, which in the past ments of nearly 6,000 shortsighted Danish army recruits with 10,000 who were normally sighted has recently been published in The Lancet that she is a wife as well as a and confirms the relationship

has also shown an equally close association between educational attainment and short sight. Not for nothing is the school swot always portrayed by Frank Richards wearing spectacles.

between IQ and short sight. It

The study, by doctors from Copenhagen University, also demonstrated that the degree of short sight, once it has become well established (up to -2 dioptres), ceases to bear an exact relationship to IQ or educational level.

The authors argue that if reading is the only means of provoking myopia, there should be a closer relationship between educational attain-ment and short sight than between short sight and intelligence, whereas their research does in fact show that both are equally influenced by myopia. They suggest that the intelli-gent child has a greater natural curiosity in early infancy and expresses it by examining anything which is close to the eye with far greater enthusiasm and persistence than the less bright child exhibits. A bright baby's interest in the plastic bunnies stretched across the pram may therefore be as important in inducing myopia as the later pleasure in text books.

Parents should not try to inhibit their children's mtellectual enthusiasm and hazard their later development in the hope that it will spare their eyesight, for heredity probably plays an overwhelming part in myopia, and may entirely account for its degree of severity beyond the -2 dioptres stage.

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DIARY ALAN COREN

Three days on, and despite the elegantly couched promises in which it was wrapped, my dancing cane still refuses to follow me around room in big mystery. Il does not dance where I go. It does not astound all who look on it. All who look on it say, "Why are you

pulling that stick round on a string?" I have a mind to take it back to Taiwan and bung il at the proprietor of Mr Chu's Quality Magic. Though not perhaps a household word where international jurists foregather, I am nevertheless pretty certain that you cannol accept folding money for items which, contrary to undertakings on lid, do not dance where you go. Especially when you have spent most of Christmas morning sitting cross-legged in a nest of wrapping paper attempting to assemble something only marginally less fragmented than the Portland Vase, so that, when you try to get up again, it takes some con-siderable time to discover that your dancing cane will not follow you around room in big mystery, because you cannot get round room yourself, except on all fnurs, thanks to big mystery of no joints working.

cannot get the egg out of the egg bag either. It should be simple, according to Mr Chu's lucid assurances: Take bag, take egg, put egg in bag, turn bag inside out, lo, egg has vanished! Ask friends: Where is

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I do not know what Mr Chu's friends answer at this point, it may be that either gullibility or social discretion is different Out East. Mr Chu's friends could well, when asked, be either astounded by big mystery or generously affecting same. I know only that my friends immediately answer. Egg in bag, lo, can see egg-shaped hump at bottom of bag! This tends to pre-empt Part Two of Mr

Chu's instructions: Now you produce egg with flourish! Worse. In my case, now you with flourish? Worse. In hig case, how you not find egg in bag. Now you only person present unable to answer. Where is egg? Egg there somewhere, can see egg dangling, can feel egg, but cannot get egg out with flourish or anything else, All who look on it astounded you not able to get egg out. Put egg-bag in pocket. Egg now follow you around room in big mystery.

Big Bang is ending in a plaintive whimper. The Press headlines are heralding nemesis for the City yuppie. After the crocodile tears have been wiped away, the question will remain how, if at all, the financial revolution of 1986 has strengthened London's relative position as an inter-national market in stocks and shares. This is the true test of Big Bang's success or failure.

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At the outset, it must be said that, like so much else in British life, Big Bang and its aftermath included a strong element of theatre. The swaggering supremo of the integrated securities house ready to throw capital at the markets for as long as it took to win the global war, the 21-yearold trader with flash sports car and matching girlfriend - these were stock characters we knew would come to sticky ends.

But what of reality? Estimates of £500 million losses incurred by securities companies in London since October 1986 are probably not too wide of the mark. If anything, the rate of loss is likely now to be rising as competition intensifies. Survival is always a more effective spur to desperate action than is the mere pursuit of profit.

There seems little reason to amend forecasts of 50,000 job displacements between Big Bang and the end of 1989. Already, the total is probably above 15,000. So far, many of those displaced

have found other employment in the City. Increasingly, as the circle of employers contracts, they will not. Those displaced are not predominantly the yuppies of myth but hardworking, bright young people who were lured into the financial sector in the mid-1980s. Or else they are diligent, long-standing

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If what is emerging is a London capital market better equipped to compete with the rest of the world, the sacrifices, financial and human, will not be in vain. In so many traditional British industries severe pruning has produced more competitive structures in recent years. The criterion of success, however, is not that the City should

be more competitive than it would have been if the markets had remained unreformed hut that it should be more competitive than it might have been had Big Bang been implemented in some other way.

Few would argue that the preservation of the old, undercapitalized, single-capacity re-

gime could have maintained London's position in the world. That position was already erod-ing rapidly when the London Stock Exchange agreed in 1983 to reform its rule book. Even the current situation is, therefore, better than the total disaster that might have overtaken London by now if no changes had been introduced. Nevertheless, even at the time, the concentration of financial services in one-stop investment supermarkets seemed unconsidered.

It is easy now to be critical of those who constructed these allpurpose securities houses, with no deeper strategic plan than to be big in all markets everywhere, but they were in the grip of fashion. Also, it must be said, the timetable dictated by government allowed little pause for sober reflection.

The most extreme phase of this fashion has now passed. Black Monday – October 19, 1987 – was the critical date. That was when commercial banks, which had supplied much of the extra capital drawn into

the London market ahead of Big Bang, learned that securities husiness could be as risky, if not more so, than old-fashioned

Stephen Lewis points a way out of the Big Bang débâcle

new niche for the City

bank lending. Today, the financial trends which the architects of Big Bang assumed to be inexorable have been halted or reversed. The London securities houses, moreover, have not been helped by British influences in 1988. The gilt-edged market has seen its stock-in-trade, the volume of government securities, shrinking. The equity market, mean-while, has been unable to enjoy the fruits of rising company profits out of fear of what the Chancellor might need to do to those profits to restore his antiinflation policy to its proper course. 1989 does not look like being any more comfortable.

For the Treasury and the Bank of England, the problem is that of the three legs of the global rket. London stands ont as the least attractive environment for those engaged in securities business. In New York, it is true, the securities houses occastonally take large hits but the stream of profits from transactions relating to corporate restructuring has provided rich incentives to stay committed. The profits from trading in Tokyo are potentially enormous. Only in London does the chronic over-capacity and relatively low turnover in the market eliminate chances of profitability for securities houses. The danger is that some companies, primarily those not based in Europe, will conclude that they can miss out London when conducting international securities trading.

New York and Tokyo have the advantage of being founded on strongly developed domestic economies, each representing up to 30 per cent of the developed world's GNP. By comparison, the British economy, which supports London, is puny. European economic integration, it is hoped, will give the London market a wider economic base, but there is no guarantee, given the Government's lukewarm attitude to European union, that Britain will play a leading

part in the integration process. Imernational securities houses are busily setting up nperations in Paris to take advantage of that market's measured approach to modernization. They may find Paris a more congenial place to do business than London. es-pecially if the eventual market structure in Paris does not force

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them into losses. London's assumption that it is a natural centre for securities trading is now being severely tested. While the London market has an age-old reputation for financial expertise, its distinction rests more on the innovative flair of its practitioners than on trading ability. The Eurobood market prefigured in some respects the domestic markets which have now emerged in London, but even with Eurobonds success depended more often than not on salesmanship rather than trading capacity.

Perhaps this points a way to the fulure for the remaining securities companies in London. The eventual survivors may well be those who switch the emphasis from wholesalc trading for the European time zone to the provision of fee-paying services for the whole world. This would be the final fulfilment of Big ₹

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Bang's promise.

Anthony Parsons Year of the global spring

f I had prophesied five years ago the actuality of the world scene at the end of 1988 I would probably have been locked up in a lunatic asylum, so great and unpredictable have the changes been.

It took the Soviet Union the best part of two decades to develop, first under Khrusbchev and then Brezhney, from being a menacing European military superpower into a global superpower projecting its influence across the world, and especially in those regional disputes which followed decolonization of the

European empires. Simultaneously with the emer-gence of this destabilizing ele-ment of East-West competition in the Third World, the zone of confrontation in central Europe froze. Effective nuclear parity between the United States and the Soviet Union, along with the entrenchment of Nato and the Warsaw Pact, led to the clarification of the diplomatic ground rules between the two sides, as the Hungarians discovered in 1956 and the Czechoslovaks in 1968. The danger of a third world war crupting on the cen-tral front out of political miscalculation receded.

emerging. Local nationalism is By contrast, the threat to reviving strongly in most of the world peace became greatest in territories of the undecolonized those areas of the Third World in which both superpowers were simultaneously involved and in which the policies of the regional states, unlike those of the European members of Nato and the Warsaw Pact, were out of control. The Middle East has been the classic case in point. Neither superpower was able to prevent the Arab-Israeli wars of 1956, 1967 and 1973 from breaking out. But, once battle was joined, particularly in 1973, the US and the Soviet Union came close to being sucked into the conflagration which had been ignited by the parties they respectively championed. By the same token, no one was able to prevent Iran from trying to subvert the Iraqi regime after the Iranian revolution of 1979; nor did the great powers (at the time on the worst terms) dis-

suade Iraq from reacting by invading Iran in September 1980, thus triggering off an eighl-year conflict not only in the Soviet Uninn's backyard but also in the area containing 60 per cent of the world's known oil reserves.

Meanwhile, the United Na-tions had failed to fulfil its original function as a forum for great power co-operation in keeping the peace. The Soviet Union came to regard it, except in the direst emergencies, as an arena in which to capture the hearts and minds of the non-aligned majority, while the US, by the early 1980s, perceived it as little more than a quarry for the mining of virulent anti-

American propaganda. In 1988, the world has witnessed an astonishing reversal in this overall picture, largely as a consequence of Mr Gorbachov's decisioo to reconstruct the stagnant Soviet economy by, Inter alia, permitting greater political freedom at home and disentan-gling the Soviet Union from expensive foreign commitments inherited from the Brezhnev era. In central and eastern Europe, the glacier is beginning to melt and an unfamiliar landscape is



at the beginning of the decade, is reviving. In the contexts of Afghanistan, the Iran-Iraq war and Namibia, the US bas realized its value as an in-strument of mediation and a catalyst for peaceful settlement. Gorbachov has reversed traditional Soviet policy by pledging support for UN peace-keeping and calling for the strengthening of the role of the secretary general, formerly seen in Soviet eyes as little more than a puppet of the Security Council. It is a truism that when the superpowers co-operate the UN works, and vice versa. Today's omens are more favourable than they have been for years.

am no optimist. I have spent too many years wrestling with the problems In all these areas, only the first steps have been taken: there is much rocky country ahead, and in the Palestine problem there is an immense legacy of emotion, hatred and genuine security concern to be overcome. There are other problems which show no sign of movement. For example, President Mengistu of Ethiopia has yet, so far as I know, to receive the Gorbachov treatment over Eritrea, while the

engagingly described in his booklet as All present laugh loud! - nol forthcoming from the trick to which it refers, should this fail.

The trick is called Funny Teeth. The rubric is simple: Leave room. Insert Funny Teeth. Go back in room and smile. All present laugh loud!

Pethaps, in Taiwan, they do. In Cricklewood, all present just look at you, especially if you go back in room and choke.

BARRY FANTONI

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'Did I tell you about the time I visited Britain one Christmas? It was closed

1 may be that the Chinese Nationalist mouth is differently configured from the Leuropean, which might also go some way towards explaining my inability to confuse all hearers that a beast is present. According to Mr Chu, his Wunderful Double Swiss Warbler can imitate any beast, despite the fact that it looks like a corn plaster. Directions for use: Soak in water until thoroughly blown up, then place on tongue with reed nearest teeth (own, presumably, not Funny) and finished side of leather upwards, and hiss gently, giving imitation of Beast. Any person following these instructions we will guarantee they can surprise all present that a Beast is here. Take care not to swallow. Keep away from children.

The final injunction is the wisest. If there is anything that a magician wishing to pass himself off as a Beast should keep away from, it's children. If hc does not, all present cry: "Why is that man spitting all over everywhere, why is his face going purple?" God knows best what beast Mr Chu's Wonderful Douhle Swiss Warbler is supposed to sound like. It is, I suppose, just possible that the beast is actually a double swiss warbler, a creature which gives off a sort of strangled gurgle, and that I am doing it absolutely correctly. All 1 know is that none present cocked an ear and exclaimed, 'l say, can anyone see a double swiss warbier? I swear I heard one just now."

here is only one trick left in the box, this Wednesday afternoon. It is in a round blue tin, the size of a shoe-polish container. On the lid there is the legend: Big Gas Fright. On the bottom of the tin, the instructions read: Remove lid, there is a condle. Hide candle in safe place and light. Soon comes a smell of leaking gas. All present run about.

Call me polyroon if you will, Mr Chu, but I should cocoa.

Russian empire, and a similar effect is being felt in the eastern European sphere of influence. A small start has been made in the reduction of the nuclear arsenals of the two superpowers and a reduction in conventional armaments may be on the borizon.

fter 30 years of freeze, statesmen on both sides are confronting a degree of fluidity which is already challenging the conventional wisdom in which the stasis of the past has been grounded.

More radically, schools are to

Competition will be further in-

creased by the foundation of city

technology colleges, funded part-ly by the Government and partly

The most prominent feature

of the educational system over

the next year or so will be

competition between schools for

pupils. But in the longer term

this will be matched by equally

Grant-maintained schools,

recruit their pupils from outside

by industry.

Equally dynamic changes are laking place across the spectrum of regional conflicts, demonstrating clearly the correlation between the obduracy of parties to disputes and the level of external support. Scemingly in-soluble crises are beginning to unwind. The Vietnamese are withdrawing from Cambodia, no doubt in the realization that Soviet financial support is no longer a certainty and that Russia is moving towards rapprochement with China. The Soviet Union is withdrawing from Afghanistan (another bone

of contention with China), an adventure which has cost so much in lives and money, with only the remotest possibility that a communist government will ties are suddenly showing unsurvive in Kabul. In Brezhnev's time that would have been

unthinkable. Another welcome surprise has been the agreement concluded under American mediation for the withdrawal of Cuban forces from Angola, linked to South

African acceptance of the United Nations plan for Namibian independence. The West has been patting pressure on South Africa

for years to decolonize Namibia but the presence of 50,000 Cuban troops in Angola has formed an impenetrable ob-stacle. It is reasonable to suppose that the Soviet Union has told. the Cubans that it is no longer prepared to foot the bill. In this fresh configuration, all the par-

expected flexibility. The ceasefire in the Iran-Iraq war is further evidence of the impact of the new climate in East-West relations. For the first time ever, a Security Council resolution (No 598 of 1987) was formulated jointly by the five

Commentary • ADRIAN WOOLDRIDGE Choosing the fairest test

A decade ago it seemed as if selective secondary schools had been consigned in the dustbin of history. The grammar schools were rapidly disappearing, sneered at by the bien-pensant, hounded by the Labour Party and ignored by the Tory establishment.

Those who pointed out that to perform well and attract pupils. Al the same time, open grammar schools had provided enrolment will free parents to inique opportunities for able working-class children, who armove their children from bad gued that comprehensives in schools to good. middle-class areas would be rather different from those in be encouraged to opt out of local working-class areas, or who wonauthority control and become dered why egalitarians so uften state-funded (grant-maintained) independent schools; parents are sent their own children to independent schools were disto sidestep the educational missed as decrepit educational establishment and regain control Powellites. over their children's education.

In the last few years the situation has changed dramatically: the much-trumpeted victory of the comprehensive lobby now seems little more than a temporary advantage. The 1988 Education Act has established a framework for the re-introduction of selection, and the New Right is dictating the terms of the educational debate. For once, popular opinion is

vigorous competition between in sympathy with the radical pupils for schools. Some local anthority schools will perform much better than others, and will agenda. A recent survey, British Social Attitudes, revealed that 60 attract large numbers of ap-plicants. Despite the incentive to per cent of the population supported the return of grammar schools. Although the Act does raise their income by increasing not bring back the selective their enrolment they will be system, it will introduce a muchforced to be selective; good schools cannot remain good needed element of competition into the state sector. Local schools if they are filled to education authority monopolies will be broken up, forcing supplioverflowing. ers of educational services to which may well become hugely popular, will be allowed to

compete for customers. The transfer of power from the

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authorities to individual schools their local catchment area - that under the Act means that, for the first time, heads and school is, to select them on the basis of their intellectual ability rather governors will manage their own financial affairs. Schools will be than their place of residence. And if city technology colleges financed according to the numare as successful as their protober of pupils on their rolls: the types, the "magnet" schools in the United States, they will be more pupils the more cash. They will have a self-evident incentive vastly over-subscribed. All this will make the wide-

spread re-introduction of some sort of selection unavoidable. The main problem for successful schools will not be whether to select but how to. Schools will rightly differ in their choice of methods: the main point of recent reform is to encourage competition and variety. But most headmasters will instinctively opt for a combination of three well-established methods: teacher reports, interviews, and attainment tests.

There is much to recommend all three methods. Teachers' reports record opinions formed by trained adults over a number of years. Interviews allow teachers and governors to form vivid personal impressions of their potential pupils and their parents - and give them some idea of their commitment to advanced education. Attainment tests provide solid evidence of children's levels of knowledge, and therefore of their ability to tackle the secondary school syllabus.

But these standard methods of selection all share an important disadvantage: they are biased towards the well-off. Teachers' reports favour children who cause little trouble in class notably girls. Interviews favour self-confident children and affluent parents: polish and poise

are often mistaken for real ability. Aptitude tests reward previous training rather than intellectual promise. Talented children from poor homes may well do badly in these tests teachers will describe them as difficult, interviews will make them ill at ease, examinations will reveal their poor preparation - while well-behaved children from cultured homes may sail through, and then turn out to be dunces.

Traditional methods of selection certainly have their uses, but to ensure that no talented child is overlooked they need to be supplemented by a simple but highly accurate device: the intelligence test.

IQ tests are more accurate than any other method of selection. They measure aptitude rather than achievement capacity to profit from future instruction rather than previous educational experience - and they predict success in a wide range of mental tasks. Because they are impersonal and objective, they do not discriminate for or against children on the grounds of sex, race or class. Because they are less culture-bound than other examinations they "read through" the vencer of social class background, revealing talent in children from uncultured families and exposing weakness in the children of educated parents.

Headteachers who are concenned to give all children a fair chance of winning a place in over-subscribed schools cannot afford to ignore IQ tests. The author is a fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

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permanent members of the Security Council, adding weight to its authority. Had this framework for peace not been available for both sides to turn to, it is unlikely that the war would have ended, although a peace treaty still looks remote.

Even that most obstinate and dangerous of conflicts, the Arab-Israeli dispute, is changing to a more favourable shape with the Algiers decisions of the Palestine National Council, Yassir Arafat's statement to the United Nations and American acceptance of a dialogue with the PLO. It is widely believed that Soviet pressure on hardline PLO elements has played a part.

On the wider front, the United Nations, which hit rock bottom

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distinctions are, particularly by those who are professional teach-

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suade President Botha to abaudon apartheid in South Africa. have yet to make headway. However, it can be said that

the danger of another super-power confrontation suddenly blowing up over a regional conflict has greatly diminished. This is very important. Some politicians are already talking as hough the cold war was over. This is obviously premature. Anything could happen as the eastern European glacier melts. De Tocqueville got it right "Only consummate statecraft can enable a king to save his throne when after a long spell of oppressive rule he sets out to improve the lot of his subjects." C These Newspopers, 1988

Sir Anthony Parsons was British ambassador 10 Iran, 1974-79, and permanent representative at

the United Nations, 1979-82. ON THIS DAY **DEC 29** 1904 the older Universities by granting scholarships at Girton, Newn-In the present era of complete ars after creditable and some second equality in education, the attitude of our older universities to women early this century seems hard to credit. much desired by the students. The company have therefore UNIVERSITY DEGREES FOR WOMEN emphasizing their sense of present unfairness to women To the Editor of The Times students The Clothworkers have done Sir - Your readers may have noticed in your University news that on December 20 Trinity College, Dublin, conferred the degree of MA on 19 women, and that of BA on 20 of the same sex. These ladies were not alumni of the college, but were students of women's colleges at Oxford or Cambridge. They had there passed University examinations which would have entitled them to degrees had they been men, but could not graduate because both Oxford and Cambridge, sity counsels while giving women the advan-tage of University teaching, In the interests of women's examination, and place in the class lists, refuse to recognize

ham, and Somerville, and have much regretted that their scholes brilliant University work should quit these colleges without the titular academic stamp so resolved to pay the fees of their former Oxford and Cambridge scholars who may take the ad eundem degree of BA at Dublin, and they do so with the desire of

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their share in aiding many forms of education, and the wide range of their sympathies and the practical labour which they have as business men expanded in the study of administrative methods give their opinion some weight in this matter. It is certain that the barriers will some time be removed; the difficulty lies in determining the form which the change shall take and the share to be allowed to women in Univer-

education, a very important consideration to the country at the present time, these questions ought to be solved by Oxford and their training by a degree. Trinity College, Dublin, has generously Cambridge without delay. While and wisely determined to remove human nature remains what it is, its restrictions on the graduation the prospect of a definite aca-demic status and the right to academic course, and will until wear a distinctive academic dress 1907 admit to ad eundem degrees will tend to attract women from Oxford and Cambridge to other bridge women students now left Universities in the United Kingout in the cold. How prized these dom, all nf which now accept women as graduates.

ers and to whom academic rank is of more than sentimental value. Servant is shown by the eagerness with which English women have ac-

Master of the Clothworkers' Company and Chairman of the Girls' Public Day Schools Company. Clothworkers'-hali, Dec 23.

I am, Sir, your obedient 4 WILLIAM BOUSFIELD.

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Preventing a US/EEC trade war



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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BACK TO THE JURY

No one can doubt that the Guildford case has become a legal nightmare, as difficult a tangle as any Home Secretary has ever had to unravel. Mr Hurd is now expected to announce a decision early in the new year.

The continued detention of the four prisoners convicted in 1975 of the Guildford IRA bombings is an injustice, not because they are certainly innocent but because they have not had a fair and proper trial before a jury in possession of all the available evidence. This is the heart of the argument Lords Devlin and Scarman delivered in The Times last month.

When the case was last reviewed by the Court of Appeal, they claim, the judges usurped the function of a jury by making determinations of fact, relying on a stretched interpretation of a section of the 1968 Criminal Appeal Act as their basis in law. And that interpretation, if taken as a precedent, is, they believe, a fundamental threat to the system of trial by jury.

Mr Hurd has been asked, by distinguished delegations, including one archbishop, two former Home Secretaries and the two Lords themselves, to refer the case back to the Court of Appeal. But that by itself would not necessarily put right the injustice, for the court could again set itself to decide what a jury might have thought, according to the same flawed interpretation of the 1968 Act, instead of ordering a retrial.

Even a retrial of the Guildford Four would still be in isolation from the related Maguire "bomb factory" cases. Though they essentially all form part of the same extended picture, legally they are separate. But it cannot possibly be believed that the Maguire group (no longer in prison) were guilty if the Guildford Four were innocent.

The Guildford cases rest wholly npon uncorroborated confessions by the accused, later withdrawn. Evidence has recently become public that one of them, Richardson, had been given a drug injection shortly before she confessed. This evidence has not been considered by a jury, and should be; it could well be enough to persuade a jury that her confession, at least, was unreliable. And that throws further doubt on the other confessions too.

Responsibility for the Guildford bombings was subsequently claimed by an admitted IRA gang, who claimed when they too were arrested that they knew nothing of the Guildford Four, this evidence has also not been considered by a

jury, and also ought to be. The fact that the Court of Appeal thought it would not have persuaded the jury to change its mind should be neither here nor there, as Lords Scarman and Devlin have pointed out. A jury might or might not - uphold the Court of Appeal's view that they were all in it together - the IRA unit and the Guildford Four hangers-on. The point is that no jury has had a chance to consider either the Court of Appeal's version of the Guildford bombings, or that presented by the IRA gang. Neither was available at the

original trial. The Maguire cases rest almost wholly upon scientific evidence, only thinly corroborated by ambiguous further evidence against some of them. The link between the two is that the police raided the Maguire household only on the basis of a tip-off from one of the Guildford Four after his arrest. The source of the tip-off was not known to the jury in the latter case, and it cannot in any circumstances qualify as evidence, either for or against the accused. But it is why no reasonable person could at the same time believe in the Maguire's guilt and the Guildford Four's innocence. If none of the Guildford defendants had anything to do with the bombings, it is extremely unlikely that they

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could have known where the bombs came from. And so, logically, there had to be something wrong with the scientific evidence against the Magnire group. Indeed there are forensic experts who have raised donbts precisely to that effect.

So what is the Home Secretary to do? He can decline to do anything at all. That would fly in the face of fresh facts and be plainly unjust. Secondly, he has the right to recommend the use of the royal prerogative, a procedure whose justification is precisely that it can deal with the sort of rare combination of circumstances that have arisen here. But this solution should only be pursued if the Home Secretary feels that the case for mercy, on the new evidence, is overwhelming, sufficiently so to justify overriding normal process.

Lastly, he can return the case to the Court of Appeal in the hope that new facts would be tried by a new jury. Besides being the most fair and logical outcome, it would go to the heart of the broad issue raised by Lords Devlin and Scarman. A Home Secretary who wanted to see a full retrial before a jury could not guarantee that the court would take his hint. But it would be in the interests of justice that they should.

From the Director of the National Office of Animal Health Ltd Sir, Your excellent leader (December 27) provides a valuable summary of the events leading up to the imminent US/EEC trade war. However, by calling for more scientific evidence it overlooks the surfeit which already exists. You remind us that the Commission's own committee of

experts, chaired by Professor Cumming, was summarily dis-banded only a few weeks before its final report was due in autumn, 1985 That committee continued to work in private and presented its findings at the 1987 British Veterinary Association congress, and published in the Veterinary Record. Quite separately the Joint Experts Committee on Food Ad-ditives (lefca) of the World Health Organization and the Food and Agriculture Organization pub-lished their own findings in 1987.

Both groups of eminent independent scientists gave the five contested hormones a "clean bill of health". Perhaps of greater significance, in view of the current deadlock, is the fact that in the early 1980s, and before the European Commission

introduced its ban, the five hormones were separately approved for use in beef production by the

Farm subsidies From Mr Aidan Harrison

Sir, As a farmer I follow your reports and leading articles on the GATT talks and calls for "free trade" in agricultural products with concern. Nobody, least of all farmers, likes subsidies; but surely they have only been made necessary by two major in-built obstacles to free, fair trade.

First is the fact that farmers seem to be doomed to buying their inputs - seeds, tractors, fertilisers, feeds and pesticides - at retail prices while their produce is sold at wholesale market prices.

This is compounded because the input-suppliers, together with the traders, processors and retailers of farm and food products are mainly vast, often global, congiomerates which are able to manipulate prices in ways unavailable to farmers. It is hardly surprising, then, that the last 30 years have seen an eightfold cut in the share of UK consumer expenditure reaching farmers' pockets, bring-ing farm income to a 40-year low.

Is it any more surprising to see our planet's ecology threatened by the destruction of the Amazon rainforest to produce "cheap" beef, or to read that vast areas of Australian farmland are turning to desert and that 13 tons of topsoil are lost in producing each ton of "cheap" wheat in that free trade

From Mr Nicholas Drummond medicine licensing authorities of all the major livestock producing countries in the developed world - including the USA, the UK and a number of other EEC member Sir, The Government's decision to allow Vickers to develop the Challenger 2 Mk II main battle tank (report, December 21) could easily be regarded as encouraging states. Everywhere, in fact, where an analogous situation to the Nimrod AEW/Boeing AWACS fiasco of 1986-87. This is perhaps the medicine licensing process is protected from the influence of political expediency. a justifiable comment, bearing in The EEC ban contradicts this mind that service chiefs have

wealth of evidence and, at least as stated a preference for the Ameri-can MIAI Abrams over the imfar as the US is concerned, demands that sovereign states onl-side the EEC act unconstituproved Challenger. The proving period granted does at least show that something tionally by banning the use of properly licensed products. positive has been learned from the Nimrod saga. More than this, the development of Challenger 1 in

What is now needed to break this deadlock is for the Commission to publish a positive list of hormnnes acceptable for pro-ducing meat to be sold in the EEC. Longer term, there is a need to insulate the objective, science-based and legally-constituted medicine licensing process in the EEC from the fads and fancies of European consumer policies; until this is done the threat of further trade wars will hang over the Community's trade with the nutside

Gladbeck Way, Enfield, Middlesex. December 28.

From the President of the Herut

Movement, Great Britain Sir, The Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr William Waldegrave, claims (December 23) that the PLO charter has been

superseded. If that is true, why

does he have to rely on an article

in an obscure publication?

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written by Mr Bassam Abu Sharif

Surely such a momentous de-

cision, if true, would have been announced by Mr Arafat, either at Algiers or at the Geneva UN

In fact, Mr Abu Sharif, like Mr

Arafat, makes a completely arti-ficial distinction: on one hand they claim that the PLO has

renounced all forms of violence

and on the other they insist that

the "armed struggle" for the

liberation of Palestine must go oo

Consequently, there is no oced

to test the veracity of the PLO's

declarations; they are contradicted

Herut Movement of Great Britain,

Sir, Lord Rothschild refers in his

143-5 Broodesbury Park, NW2.

From Dr Musa Mazzawi

daily by their violent action.

(report, December 19).

Yours faithfully,

ERIC GRAUS,

December 23.

President.

Lessons from British tank choice

erable expertise in tank design and development. Unlike AEW technology, Britain's tank-buildiog industry has inveoted some notable technology, not least of which is the Chnoham armour used by both the US MIAI Abrans and the German Leopard II tanks. The quality of Britain's tank-building industry has spawned developments other than just Challenger. The Indian Army, for example, uses the Valiani tank developed by Vickers.

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The success of Britain's tankbuilding industry in the 1970s means that in survived and was profitable without significant Government support. Investment is now required, not through inadequacy, but due to supersed-ing technology produced by other countries who continued to invest. whereas Britain chose to divert funds it would have otherwise had to spend on tank development.

The wisdom behind Mr Ynunger's decision is that he is attempting to preserve a worthy area of Britain's international defence industry. British engineers have accumulated considerable knowledge and experience since they first designed the Type I tank, back in 1915.

The Royal Ordnance factory at Leeds, before it was taken over by Vickers, and Vickers itself, both have a long history and consid-

Sir, Fnreign Office Minister Wil-liam Waldegrave (December 23),

was naive to quote Bassam Ahu

The Charter of the PLO ... has

been superseded by the decisions of

the PNC ..., endorsing a two-state

Palestinian National Covenant call for the elimination of the

This covenant cannot be amended except by a two thirds majority of all the members of the National Coun-cil of the Palestine Liberation Org-anisation in a special session called

for this purpose. As such a special session has not

been held, and the Syrian mem-bers of the PNC boycotted the

Algiers conference, the assurance

of Bassam Abu Sharif is valueless

as a PLO renunciation of the

"charter". It is also misleading of William

Waldegrave to state that the PLO

has explicitly recognised UN resolutions 242 and 338. The PLO

has also explicitly rejected 242 by

the unilateral declaration of a

Palestinian State with Jerusalem as its capital. At the PNC con-ference the Chairman of the

Political Committee, Dr Nahil Ali

Sha'th, stated:

Jewish State. Article 33 adds:

All of the 32 articles of the

the first instance should be

remembered since it was not the

Government that funded it, but the late Shah of Iran.

The British Army reaped the benefits of the Iran coup in 1979

600 tanks nriginally destined for Persia. This turn of fate was at least fortunate for the Ministry of

receiving a windfall of some

Guildford convictions From Mr Ludovic Kennedy

Yours faithfully, NICHOLAS DRUMMOND,

December 21.

83 Stanhope Mews East, SW7.

Sir, I understand that the Home Secretary, Mr Douglas Hurd, may soon be coming to a decisinn about the three men and one woman convicted for taking part in the IRA Guildford pub bombings of 1974.

Whatever remedial actinn he takes, I implore him not to send the case back a second time to the Court of Appeal. Despite strong evidence at the last hearing there to show that the two IRA men who had admitted to planting the bombs had in fact planted them, and that the convicted four had nothing to do with it, the court's verdict was that the convictions were safe and satisfactory. Whatever new evidence after 15 years may have emerged from the recent inquiry is likely, in my view, to attract the same dusty answer.

The roll call of those who have studied the case and oo longer believe that the coovictions are safe and satisfactory - among them Cardinal Hume and Archbishop Ruocie, Lords Scarman and Devlin, Merlyn Rees, Roy Jenkins, Lord Fitt, as well as the prisocers' solicitor and the authors of two books on the case can surely no longer be ignored.

If the Home Secretary cannot bring himself to recommend a free

MESSAGE OF THE MARSEILLAISE

Nothing more emphatically underlines the momentous character of the French Revolution than the quarrels it can still generate. Its heroisms and brutalities, its real claims to revolutionary status, and even its duration remain matters of dispute.

Did the popular revolts of 1789, and the

itocratic, the "orders" find a place in society so stable as to seem, to a British eye, almost Elizabethan.

It retains many of the hallmarks of a centralized, dirigiste State, bequeathed in the economic field by Colbert, who created from the top, as minister to Louis XIV, a national

Defence since it killed two birds with one stone, by giving the Army a tank il badly needed, whilst allowing scarce funds to be diverted elsewhere (presumably to pay for Nimrod). world. Yours faithfully, ROGER COOK, Director, National Office of Animal Health Ltd. 3 Crossfield Chambers,

A test of Palestinian promises

From Mr Jack Garnel

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famous storming of the Bastille, usher in the political culture of the modern democratic state, a model for all the world? Or had the administrative and institutional transformations begun, as Alexis de Tocqueville noted, under the ancien regime?

Can we celebrate the Declaration of the Rights of Man and the Citizen (to give the celebrated document of August 1789 its full title) and dismiss the Terror of 1793, Year I, the decisive break with the past, as an aberration? Or must it be seen from its elitist beginnings to its Jacobin bloodlettings as an integral whole?

For Marxists, it was a bourgeois affair, a clash between landowners and capitalists important principally as starting the long march, through the uprisings of 1848 in Europe and the first "Communist" revolt, the Paris Commune of 1871, to the triumph of the dictatorship of the proletariat in 1917. In a mirror image of this reasoning, some modern historians have seen in it "the first of the great socialist and totalitarian national launderings which have whitened the twentieth century", precursor of Nazism and Stalinism.

These arguments and others, still rehearsed with passion in contemporary France as it prepares to celebrate the Revolution's bicentenary, make the politicians' choice of just what to celebrate a question of considerable delicacy.

There is a sense in which the last 200 years of French political life have been a continuing political experiment, an attempt to tame and absorb the history of its Revolution. A hundred years ago, after a century of military dictatorships, two emperors and three monarchs. France effectively accepted that the Revolution was over. With the defeat of the monarchists and the establishment of the Third Republic, this was true, in the sense that the form of French democracy had finally been established. But the Revolution remained unfinished business: the uncompromising assertion of the Declaration that "Men are born and remain free and equal in rights" had yet to be translated into institutions with which the French could feel comfortable.

France was, and remains, a fascinating amalgam of a highly-stratified and yet egalitarian society. It is open to all the talents: the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, its premier forcing house for the top echelons, is no upperclass preserve, and the best lycees, financed by the State, are its Etons. But however mer-

Poverty in Africa From Sir Bryan Thwaites

Sir, Lord Vernon asserts (November 29) that the "problem of uorestricted population growth. . . is the root cause of the environmental crisis". This certainly represents a currently fashionable view of the world ecology. 1 suggest, however, that it is too simple-minded by half.

First, it is in the nature of creation that populations, in the medium term, adjust themselves to conditions - and often in unpredictable and indeterminate ways. The variation of the birthrate in England over the last 200 industrial policy, and descending in the political arena from the Roi Soleil, the revolutionary dictatorship and Napoleon. Yet it defines itself, as a nation, very much in the terms of the stubborn individualism of a citizenry equal in rights.

Bastille Day 1989 will in fact be dominated by the State in its majesty, as France plays host to the Western summit. For the year, the Government has selected themes - the declaration of the rights of man, and "Europe" - which will, it hopes, generate the least dissent. The first theme is an obvious choice: if only partially what the Revolution was 'about'. the declaration is what most people would prefer to celebrate.

Even the theme of "Europe" may address the central issues squarely. The integration of the European market in 1992 could accomplish the part of the Revolution which was, in some eyes, never begun, dictating a relaxation of the State's tightly centralized controls over the levers of economic and financial management.

Politically, too, there is a perceptible loosening of the reins of the State. It is no small revolution to hear a socialist prime minister talking, as has M. Michel Rocard, about less government. Simultaneously, and not fortuitously, there are signs of a softening of the polarization between left and right which could mark the beginning of the end of the Revolution.

The prominence in current politics of centrists, like President Mitterrand himself, M. Rocard, and M. Raymond Barre, and the stillhesitant development of the politics of ouverture, suggest the beginnings of a nonconfrontational balance: and the popularity, with the French themselves, of the politics of cohabitation suggests a readiness to put ancient quarrels behind them.

But the bicentenary remains, as this week's articles in The Times point out, a commemoration of a political cataclysm which has reverberated far beyond the confines of national politics. Time has now separated the ideas and symbols from the squalid reality of the violence which followed the storming of the Bastille. The American Revolution, with its own declaration of rights, may have predated the French. But Liberte at the barricades, leading the people, remains in the imagination of the world a symbol of the assertion of individual liberty which speaks a message of triumph to which the world still listens

country (report, August 30, 1988)? The whole economic system is fundamentally biased against the

world's farmers, forcing them to bypass the basic precepts of good husbandry. Salmooella in eggs and nitrates in water are merely a foretaste of much more serious environmental costs to come. How do free traders see food prices reflecting the real cost of sustainable, healthy, humane farming systems on a global scale, with a fair return to farmers?

Yours faithfully, AIDAN HARRISON, Morrelhirst, Netherwitton, Morpeth, Northumberland.

Traffic troubles

From Mr Nigel Seymer Sir, Paul Vallely (Spectrum, Dec-ember 6) sees the merits of "congestinn charges" (road pricing) as a way to reduce car traffic and finance new rail facilities, while Paul Channon has argued that this is inegalitarian - which it is.

Is there an egalitarian alternative method of curbing car traffic that is socially acceptable? Yes, there is. The strategy applied in Washington, Houston and other US cities involves provision of "park and ride" parking lots nut-side cities, official promotion (using large computers) of "car and van pooling" (ride sharing) and, the application of "HOVonly rules". These restrict the use of certain roadways nr certain traffic lanes during certain hours to vehicles carrying a certain mini-mum number of people; "HOV" stands for high occupancy vehicle.

The fundamental transport fact about London is that some form of effective restraint oo the oumber of cars must be introduced soon. If the roads were less clogged with cars, buses could move more easily; and an improvement of bus services offers by far the cheapest and fastest way of improving the public transport as a whole. Yours faithfully, NIGEL SEYMER, 63 Esmand Road, W4.

Mappa Mundi sale From Lord Blake, FBA

Sir, Your report of my speech in the House of Lords on Britain's treasures (Parliament, December 22) contains an unfortunate error. I never said I was "sceptical" whether the sale of the Mappa Mundi "was the easiest way to raise money". On the contrary, I said that that was the easiest way, and that the Dean and Chapter of Hereford were "taking the lazy way ont". Nothing said later in the debate leads me to think that I was

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a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number (01)782 5046.

нешет (December 22) to Article 6 of the Palestinian National Covenant which says: The Jews who had normally resided in Palestine until the beginning of the Zionist invasion will be considcred Palestinians.

But he omits to mention that since the adoption of the Covenant in 1968 this provision has been changed. In his speech to the United Nations in 1974, PLO chairman Yassir Arafat said:

When we speak nf our common hopes for the Palestine nf tomorrow we include in our perspective all Jews now living in Palestine who choose to live with us there in peace and without discrimination ... that we might live together in a frame-work of a just peace.

This statement was also specifi-cally endorsed by the Palestine National Council. ours faithfully MUSA MAZZAWI,

From Mr Arthur Hall Sir, Have any of your readers discovered unexpected uses for wire coat-hangers? Faced with residual leaves all over the lawn, even after careful raking, I found that by straightening out all except one shoulder, which bent into a handle, a rudimentary leaf-spiker could be formed in seconds.

The prototype proved too flexible, but the Mark 2 version, from two Mark Is twisted together, is extremely efficient. The leaves gradually move up the wire to

Crime and punishment From Mr D. A. Ferguson Sir, I am writing in response to Mr Kilroy-Silk's article, "Punishment in duplicate" (December 23). Whilst I agree with Mr Kilroy-Silk in that families of imprisoned criminals should not be punished or made to suffer for the crimes their relatives have committed, 1 nevertheless feel that perhaps his comments should have been addressed to "all would-be criminals". Before perpetrating the crime,

the would-be criminal should address himself to the consequences of such action. If the consequences include social suffering and indignation for the family, then this should act as a great deterrent.

After all, society should endeavour to prevent crime in the first place; then the punishment of criminals and their families will, hopefully, not be necessary. Yours faithfully, DAVID FERGUSON, 11 St Andrews Road, Blundelisands, Liverpool, Merseyside, December 23.

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There is nobody within (the ranks of) the Palestinian revolution who cepts resolution 242 as a solution of the Palestinian issue. . . (Algiers broadcast in Arabic, 1200 GMT, November 14, 1988, monitored by the BBC). Article 1 of the Covenant asserts:

Palestine is the bomeland of the Palestinian Arab people and an integral part of the Arab homeland.

The State of Palestine is an Arab State. It is an indivisible part of the

Arafat speaks with two voices, one for his Arab League paymasters and another for the Western world. The PLO was imposed on the Palestinians as their "sole representative" by the Arab League, not in spite of, hut because of its Palestinian National Covenant. Yours sincerely JACK GARNEL 1 Sussex Court, Eaton Road, Hove, Sussex.

Art on view

December 23.

From Mr Sandy Nairne Sir, David Tudor-Pole (December 17) suggests that arts organisations should be supported from the sale of works from the Arts Council collection. The Arts Council collection is a loan collection and was never intended to be used other than as a source of paintings and sculpture available for public

At any one time 70 per cent of the collection is on view, either as part of public exhibitions or on longer loan to public buildings and workplaces. The collection is a unique resource that makes highquality modern British art available all around the country. It has become so through the diligence of its curator and advisers in acquiring works with very modest funds. Yours faithfully, SANDY NAIRNE (Director of Visual Arts), Arts Council, 105 Piccadilly, W1,

Arms realities

December 20.

From Sir Gilbert Longden Sir, I think I hate the prospect of another European war as intensely as do ex-Monsignor Bruce Kent or Mr John Biffen (report, December 16) but I believe, as they do oot, that providence has placed in our hands a weapoo which is more likely than anything hitherto devised to preveot one; and that it would be unmitigated folly to discard it.

For suppose that every member of the United Nations were to renounce nuclear armaments, and assuming a fool-proof monitoring system, we should simply be back in the days of conventional armies which in the past signally failed to prevent ever recurring wars. Yours sincerely GILBERT LONGDEN. 89 Cornwall Gardens, SW7. December 17.

pardon, he can still do what Willie Whitelaw did in the Luton subpostmaster shooting case in 1980 - order the prisoners' immediate and unconditional release. After that, he might care to set up an independent inquiry, chaired by a judge or senior QC, but - because single judges in past inquiries have shown themselves to be safer on the law than the facts - with two lav assessors.

Yours etc., LUDOVIC KENNEDY, Ashdown, Avebury, Wiltshire. December 28.

Hands off!

From Mr B. H. Damazer Sir, The move by British Rail towards digital clocks (letters, December 13, 17, 21) would be seen as irrelevant were the trains to run in accordance with the published times. I would have no objection to the use of an hourglass, a long-case clock, a water clock or any other timekceping device if delays were not so frequent an occurrence.

Of 14 journeys made between Peterborough and London so far in December, seven have been ontime and the other seven a total of 53 minutes late: more than long enough to have completed another 48-minute journey. These times have been measured by my wrist watch.

Yours faithfully. B. H. DAMAZER, The Manse, East Street, Crowland, Lincolnshire.

December 21.

Relative values

From Mr Martin Knapp Sir, Bereavement compensation oow at £3,500 may be increased to £10,000 as a result of a private member's Bill (report, December 14). Recent libel settlements have included sums of £300,000, £500,000 and £1 million.

That the evidential loss of a snouse or a child should attract so very much less in the way of reparation than the arguable, as distinct from the undisputed, loss of a reputation reflects a society whose scale of values is sadly awry. Yours sincerely. MARTIN KNAPP. 1 Brooking Barn, Ashprington, Totnes, Devon.

From Mr Trevor Spavold Sir, Mrs Knapton's fairy lights (December 22) are still wet behind the ears. Our set, purchased from the Leicester branch of British Home Stores at Christmas, 1935, for the sum of 5s., is still going strong. They brightened all our wartime Christmases and I still recall my childish wonder, at the age of six, when they were first switched on.

Yes, yon've guessed; my box is marked, "Made in Japan". Yours faithfully, TREVOR SPAVOLD, 28 Wilfred Place, Ashby-de-la-Zouch Leicestershire.

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world. Second, there is no such thing as the environmental crisis; rather, there is a whole host of environmental problems whose interconnections range from the very strong to the very weak. Again by the nature of things there is neither a single cause nor a single solution Africa (which was Lord Ver-

years is a splendid example of this

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to these.

non's first concern) exemplifies this: overall, it has a low density of population - about half that of Europe - and yet is enormously rich in natural resources and, given the will and the organis-

crisis is fast becoming a myth which is dangerous in two ways. First, it implies the falsity that, if only we could stabilise the population, then all would be well. Second, il totally ignores the overriding effects of political instability, totalitarian regimes, corruption, and inadequate physical social and economic infra-

structures. Yours faithfully BRYAN THWAITES, Milnthorpe, Winchester, Hampshire,

ation, could easily feed the whole That population growth is the root cause of the environmental

wrong. Yours faithfully, BLAKE

Letters to the Editor should carry

form a sort of vegetarian kebab. Yours faithfully, ARTHUR HALL,

2 Paper Buildings, Temple, EC4. December 22. **Off-the-hook**

49 Ilex Way, Goring-by-Sea, West Sussex.

At the Algiers conference Yassir Arafat declared: Arab nation.



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SANDRINGHAM Lady Abel Smith has succeeded Lady Susan Hussey as Lady in Waining to The Queen.

Princess Alexandra will attend a charity premiere of Gorillas in the Mist at the Empire Theatre, Leicester Sq. oo January 24, in aid of World Wide Fund for Nature – United Kingdom.

The Princess of Wales, Patron of The Princess of Wales, Paron of British Red Cross Youth, will visit the society's national head-quarters at 9 Grosvenor Cres-cent, SW1, on January 26. The Duchess of York, Patron, the Combined Services Winter Sports Association, will attend their Alpine chemptionships at their Alpine championships at Megeve, France, from January 3t to February 3.

Birthdays

today

June Marchioness of Aber-

deen and Temair, 75; Sir

News that there was thriving animal and plant life in the cold and dark Polar regions millions of years ago is at odds with the theory that a meteorite impact was responsible for the extinction of the dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs have been believed incapable of withstanding the unfriendly conditions that would follow such an impact, but fossils from Australia show that dinosaurs may have been hardier then we think. Similar fossil deposits are already known from northern Alaska and Canada, so if Santa lived at the North Pole between 80 and 65 million years ago, his sleigh would probably have been pulled by a team of two-legged dinosaurs.

Writing in the December 9 issue of Science, P.V.Rich, of Monash University in Victoria, and colleagues describe fossil plants and animals from sites in sonthern Australia that had latitudes of nearly 80 degrees South at the time, well within the Antarctic Circle (which is about 66 degrees South). At that time, Australia was just

beginning to separate from Antarctica and move northwards. The separation created broad rift valleys for animals and plants to colonise, valleys that later

pened up to form part of the Southern

The cold dark dinosaurs of the Pole

SCIENCE REPORT

Despite the southerly location, tree rings in fossil wood indicate a cool seasonal climate. The average annual superature was low, perhaps less than 5 degrees Centigrade, and there may have been frost and snow in the winter. Stands of conifers and ferns were populated by a wide variety of insects, carthworms and other invertebrate and the rivers and lakes were inhabite by shrimp, fish, amphibians, tartles and small plesiosaurs. The air was filled with pterodactyls as well as birds - five feather impressions have been left in the rock.

The most prominent land animals were dinosaurs: there were at least three kinds of small, two-legged herbivores called hypsilophodontids, which were preyed on by carnivorous dinosaurs. One of the hypsilophodoutids had an musually large brain and pair of eyes, adaptations which the authors say suggest that it lived in the area all year round, not migrating northwards to avoid the Polar night. The conditions were far more amenable than those at the South Pole today. Nevertheless, the Sun remained below the horizon for as

Hungarian chess prodigy prepares to do battle

long as two months every winter, and it comes as a surprise that dinosaurs could survive such conditions.

Some of the dinosaurs identified by the researchers are known from nowhere else, and others appear to be relict species - confined to the area long after their relatives elsewhere in the world had become extinct. This suggests that south Australia was a zoologically isolated part of the world, rather like Australia today.

The prevalence of remains of young dinosaurs in the Australian deposits suggests that many of the fossil deposits were hypsilophodont nesting grounds, similar to those unearthed in the early 1980s in Montana by palaeontologist John Horner and his colleagues. He showed that hypsilophodoutids and their close relatives, the duck-billed dinosaurs or hadrosaurs, often cougregated in huge rookeries comprising thousands of individuals, rather like penguins do today. Horner found remains of dinosaurs in all stages of growth, including embryos still within the eggs (Science Report, March 21).

Henry Gee

The Right Rev Richard Pat-rick Crosland Hanson, former Bishop of Clogher in Ireland and who successively_held Chairs of Divinity, or Theol-ogy, at Durham, Nottingham and Manchester Universities, died on December 23 aged 72. Richard Hanson was in the classical tradition of eminent Anglican divines. He was a first-rate scholar, with special expertise in the early Fathers; pastorally minded, so that even as a Manchester professor he had pastoral charge of two deaneries in the diocese; a

OBITUARIES

staunch and convinced Anglican theologian and perhaps for that very reason a keen ecumenist - despite an early book subtitled A Dissuasive against the Church of Rome and blunt speaking on the Anglican Ortbodox

Anglican He wrote many books, some in collaboration with his distinguished twin brother, Dr A T Hanson. Among his bener-known works are his life of St Patrick and Allegory and Event, his study on Ori-gen. His magnum opus in preparation for so many years, The Search for the Christian Doctrine of God, has only just been published.

Born in Dublin, and brought up in the best tra-ditions of Anglo-Irish culture, he was the twin son of a distinguished civil servant and his mother was a friend of

RT REV RICHARD HANSON

George Bernard Shaw. He was educated at Cheltenham College and Traity Coll-ege Dublin where, like his brother, he achieved a row of Firsts. Like him, too, he was ordained in 1941 to a curacy io the Church of Ireland. After four years of parish hite, he began his academic career as Vice Principal of Queen's College, Birmingham (1945-50). The pastoral experience of these early years coloured his ministry for the rest of his

Persuaded to move to Nottingham, after two years in the parish of Shuttleworth, he became a lecturer in theology at Nottingham University from 1952-62, gaining an early reputation as a foremost patristic scholar.

In 1962 he was appointed Canon of Durham and Lightfoot Professor of Divinity. He preferred Nottingham, however, and after only two years he returned there as Professor of Theology (1964-

Learned theologian who had pastoral flair Hanson temporarily forsook his academic career by returning to his native Ireland as Bishop of Clogher, the Aoglican diocese which

bridges Eire and Ulster. The Irish troubles broke out while he was there. In 1973 he resigned in some frustration and came back to England on his appointment as Professor of Historical and Contemporary Theology at Manchester University. He held this post until his retire-ment in 1984 and also acted throughout this period as Assistant Bishop of

Manchester. Excellent in personal relations, especially with students, Bishop Hanson disliked both deviousness and cant, and preferred to speak his mind, whether to academic colleagues or to Ireland or as a member of the Anglican Onhodox Commission.

He could have made a more significant contribution to the episcopate as Archbishop of Dublin rather than as Bishop of remote and rural Clogher, but as a theologian be was eminent in his own right. He leaves behind a widow and two adopted sons and two adopted daughters.

HAL ASHBY

Witty director who made Harold and Maude

Hal Ashby, the American film editor and director, died on December 27 at the age of 59. He had been suffering from cancer.

His work was notable for tackling ambitious or difficult subjects, often drawn from contemporary American life, and treating them with a boldness of technique and barbed humour.

As an editor he won an Oscar for In the Heat of the Night and as a director he was nominated for Coming Home.

Born in Ogden, Utah, in 1936, he attended Utah State University and entered the film industry in the early 1960s. His first important editing credit was on Tooy Richardson's The Loved One and he went oo to edit several films for Norman Jewison, including In the Heat of the Night, The Cincinatti Kid and The Thomas Crown Affair.

He turned to directing in 1970 with The Landlord, a satirical comedy abont a young white liberal who buys property in a black slum, and followed it with Harold and Maule, in which the veteran actress Ruth Gordon played an 80-year-old in love with a 20-year-old boy.

U-year-old boy. There was much acerbie Woody Guthrie, but in 1978 Ashby had a big commercial humour, as well as uninhibsuccess with Coming Home. Charting the affair between a

stars, Joo Voight and Jane jail, while Shampoo followed Fonda. the amorous exploits of a

In 1979 Ashby directed Peter Sellers in his last im-(Warren Beatty) during the election of President Nixon. portant role in Being There, a sently ironic fable about an Bound For Glory was a disappointingly indulgent biography of the folk singer, illiterate gardener who unwittingly becomes a national celebrity.

Among Ashby's later works were the gambling comedy, Lookin' to Get Out, which also starred Joo Voight, and the



Judit Polgar, the 12-year-old Hungarian whose pergormance has shaken the chess world this year, walks on the sands at Hastings with her mother, Klara, before taking part as a last-minute entry in the Foreign and Colonial Chess Tournament at Hastings. Judit, who won the individual gold medal in the women's Chess Olympics in Greece earlier this month, will be fighting for first prize in the Challengers' group at Hastings, our Chess Correspondent writes (Photograph: Alan Weller).

marriages

Leicester.

Mr C.J. Cole

and Miss R.J. Tuckwell

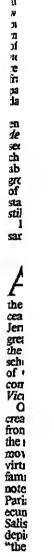
The engagement is announced

between Christopher James.

son of Mr J. Cole, of Stoke

Ferry, Norfolk, and Mrs C. Clark, of Hull, and Ruth

Juliet, daughter of Mr and Mrs



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Richard Beaumont, diplomat, 76: Lord Beaverbrook, 37; Mr John Connell, former presi-dent, Distillers Company, 64; Mr Bernard Cribbins, actor, 60; General Sir Robert Ford, 65; Professor L.C.B. Gower, former vice-chancellor, South-ampton University, 75; Sir Simon Hornby, chairman, W.H. Smith, 54; Mr Gilbert Hunt, company chairman, 74; Mr G.H. Newsom, QC, 79; Dr Magnus Pyke, nutritionist and Magnus Pyke, nutritomist and broadcaster, 80; the Right Rev Mark Santer, Bishop of Birmingham, 52; Sir Kenneth Sharp, accountant, 62; Mr Harvey Smith, showjumper, 50; Mr Jon Voight, actor, 50; Sir Forward Withows Counter Sir Edward Williams, former commissioner-general, Expo 88, Brisbane, 67.

Anniversaries

Births: Andrew Johnson, 17th President of the USA 1865-69, 1808, William Ewart Gladstone, prime minister 1868-74, 1880-85, 1886, 1892-94, 1809; Pablo Casals, cellist, 1876.

Deaths: Thomas a Becket, murdered io Canterbury Cathedral, 1170; Jacques-Louis David, painter, 1825; Charles Lamb, essayist, 1834; Chris-tina Rossetti, poet, 1894; Rainer Maria Rilke, poet,

Bellamy criticizes Forthcoming

'tax' for Lakeland Mr M.S. Cappell and Miss C.F. Hall

Dr David Bellamy the botanist has criticized plans to impose a 'tax' on visitors to the Lake District.

The campaigning naturalist says plans to levy a 50p-a-day charge on Lakeland visitors in return for the pleasure of gazing across Windermere or valking the lanes and fells of Wordsworth country do not accord with the concept of a national park.

The Lake District National Park Authority argues the tax would be a legitimate charge for the pleasures enjoyed by around 12 million visitors each year.

Yesterday Dr Bellamy said: "The National Trust was set up so that people would have free access to the countryside. It appals me that people might have to pay." Such a tax would be "another example to the World that Britain is an uneivilized country. Mrs Thatcher should turn around and have a hard think about what is happening to this country.

Mr John Toothill, National Parks Officer, wants the Lake District Special Planniog Board to push a bill through Parliament which would give them power to impose the charge. It could be collected at the roadside from day trippers entering the area and be added to hotel bills for holidaymakers.

The Lake District National Parks Authority has an anoual budget of £3.5 million provided by the Government, the

Essex Sir Terence Beckett, former Director General of the Confedcration of British Industry, is to he the new Chairman of the Council of the University of Essex. He has also been ap-pointed as a Pro-Chancellor. Sir Terence will take up his duties next October when the present Chairman, Sir Andrew Stark, retires. Keele

GRANTS

£125,406 over three years, from the Commission of the Euro-pean Communities to the Department of Communication and Neuroscience in col-laboration with INP Grenoble for work by Dr W A Ainsworth on The investigation of automatic speech recognition based on physiological model of the auditory system. £88,020 over three years, from Multiple Sclerosis Society to the Department of Postgraduate Medicine for work by Professor

D H Foster and Dr J R Heron on A long-term sequential study correlating chemical variation. visual profile and communological status in multiple sclerosis. 182.788 over three years, from

Dr David Bellamy: turning into an uncivilized country

local council and cash it generates by commercial activities.

tourists take pleasure out of the Lake District, so it is about time they put something back in. The landscape is being worn away all around us. We simply don't have the funds to

repair the annual damage. A levy of this sort would raise between two and four million pounds ' Mr Toothill has already

won the support of local Labour and Tory MPs for a Bill in Parliament to impose the tax. Mr. Andrew Maxted, direc-

tor of the Lake District Tourist Board said: "It would mean that people staying in hotels would be paying twice for the facilities in the Lake District. The hotels already pay busi-ness rates which obviously get passed on to their customers."

Communication and Neuro-science for work by Professor D

H Foster on Early symbolic

descriptions of spatial and chro-matic images in human and

£64,880 over three years, from ESRC to the Centre for

Criminology and Department of

Education for work by Dr P Carlen and Mr D Gleeson on

Law, education and social con-

trol: The case of non-school

£60,000 from SERC to the

Computer Centre and the Departments of Chemistry and

Physics for work by Professor C R A Catlow, Dr D Fincham and

Professor W Fuller on A

transputer array for materials simulation and computational

biophysics (a contribution to-

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£45,920 over three years, from

NERC as a share of a collabo-

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of Keele and Bath, and Univer-

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equipment).

J. Tuckwell, of Good Easter, Mr J.J.C. Mitchell and Miss S.M.L. Rothery

The engagement is announced between Jonathan, eldest son

of Mr and Mrs Charles Mitchell, of White Lodge, Mr Toothill said: "Millions of Dayhills, Staffordshire, and Sara Mae, daughter of Mr and Mrs Keith Rothery, of Field-head, Hinderton, Wirral, Cheshire. Mr J.G. Riddick and Ms J.M. Farley

The engagement is announced between John Gordon, son of the late Mr J.W.G. Riddick, of Stirling, and Mrs D. Crockett, of Northamptonshire, and Joanne Mary, daughter of Mr P.F. Farley, of Cornwall, and Mrs D. Thompson, of Hamp-

SERC to the Department of Department of Chemistry for

Mr M.A. Smith and Miss B.M. Howie

The engagement is announced between Marc, eldest soo of Mr and Mrs D.A. Smith, of Potten End, Hertfordshire, and Bridget, youngest daugh-ter of Mr and Mrs R.F. Howie, of Oulton, West Yorkshire.

University news

work by Professor C R A Catlow on Computer simulation of min-

£44.340 over three years, plus 360 hours Cray XHP from

SERC to the Department of

Physics for work by Professor M J Gillao on The ab initio calculation of defect and im-

purity energies and structures in solids.

£44.230 over three years, plus 60

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Chemistry for work by Dr A N Fitch on Solid state structural chemistry by powder synchro-

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Biological Sciences for work by

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Lanfranc's priory The engagement is announced is to be uncovered between Mark, only son of Mr M.D. Cappell, of San Diego, California, and Mrs C. Cappell, of Matawan, New By Norman Hammond Archaeology Correspondent Jersey, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs B.C.M. Hall, of Stoneygate,

Excavations in Canterbury main gate, service buildings over the aext year will lay bare and a substantial section of the

Archaeology

ago. Founded in AD1084 by Lanfranc, the first Norman Archbishop of Canterbury, the priory held the relics of St Mildred and St Edburg, and was the home of Thomas à Becket in life and the site of a chapel dedicated to him after his martyrdom.

St Gregory's Priory lay outside the Northgate of Canterbury, serving a large hospital dedicated to St John the Baptist. The hospital, the oldest in Britain, survives as a foundation, and among its remains is the oldest continuously used latrine in the world. one of the two original necessaria built for the monks.

The sight of the priory is being redeveloped by Town-scape Houses, and they are paying for an excavation by the Canterbury Archaeological Trust, under the direction of Mr Paul Bennett, which will, he says, "reveal a com-plete priory, perhaps for the first time in British arban archaeology".

"Nearly all the principal buildings of the establishment, including the church, cloister, chapter house, dormitory, refectory and Prior's lodging, lie within the area to be excavated, together with the

almost the entire plan of a cemetery", Mr Bennett says. priory founded nine centuries

"Beside the church, principal claustral ranges and cemetery, the large precinct contained the home of Becket when he was Archdeacon of Canterbury in 1154; in 1227 this structure became a chapel dedicated to St Thomas, and was still used as a citizens' guild in 1462. St Gregory's

was under the direct patronage of the Archbishops, who from at least the late thirteenth century kept their treasury and archives there."

St Gregory's was demolished after the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1537, and only the Prior's Lodging, converted to a house for archiepiscopal tenants, and the southwest tower of the church survived into the nincteenth

The early stages of the excavation have uncovered more than seventy burials from St John's Hospital, and substantial parts of the church and chapter house. The wall footings and floors are well preserved, and Mr Bennett expects this to be among the more spectacular of the Trust's excavations. It will be open to the public, except on Sundays, until the end of the project next summer.

century.

Detail, which starred Jack paralysed Vietnam war vet- Rolling Stones' concert film, Nicholsoo as a naval officer eran and a lonely soldier's Let's Spend the Night escorting a young recruit to wife, it won Oscars for both its Together.

DUKE OF NEWCASTLE

Collector of old and new insect species

Beverly Hills hairdresser

The 10th Duke of Newcastle, who died on December 25 at the age of 68, was one of the most distinguished of modern

Clinton's interest in entomology started at Eton where it was fostered by Nigel Wykes, then a master at the college. After service as a captain in the Royal Artillery during the Second World War, in which he saw service in Italy, he went up to Trinity College Cambridge where he read zoology

specialist subject. On graduation Pelham-Clinton joined the staff of the Royal Scottish Museum in

died in Winchester on Decem-ber 24 aged 86, devoted her life to the belief that only the best books are good enough for children and her influence in raising the standards of these, both in editing and publishing, was incalculable. Born in Edmonton, Can-

ada, on September 24, 1902, K lands Regional Health Au-- as she liked to be called trained as a children's librarian under the exacting eye of Lillian Smith at Toronto Pub-

> She came to England in the late 1930s becoming a consultant to the Oxford University Press children's book department. She helped to lay the foundations of the prestigious tool for libraries throughout

lic Library.

Eithne Dunne, the Irish ac- for one, though she was never tress, who has died aged 71, was highly regarded in many major parts, even those against her temperament, such as Nina in The Seaguil which she played, among much else, with Micheal MacLiammoir's Gate Theatre Company oo its 1956 tour to

Paris, Egypt and Malta. During her career she was a Mr Hugh Meytcalfe, former British Aerospace Deputy Chief natural leading actress, exceedingly quick and pro-Executive (Operations), has been presented with an Honorfessional in all she did. Her work in Ireland at ary Doctor of Science degreee by various theatres, the Abbey

ogy until he retired in 1981. Although he was primarily a lepidopterist, his work there covered all orders of insects. His own collection, which

he has bequeathed to the Royal Museums of Scotland is especially rich in British Microlepidoptera; he was an acknowledged expert on the

Elachistidac. He confined himself to the British fauna and travelled sowidely that he could claim to have collected in every county in the British Isles except for two or three in Northern Ireland. He kept detailed records of all the species, however common, which he encountered and had his diaries and notebooks copied and deposited at Edinburgh where they are available to

covering several families himself as anthor in addition to his editorial duties. His wide knowledge, professional expertise, meticulous accuracy and lucid mind made him an invaluable member of the editorial team.

· Pelham-Clinton added a number of species to the British list and a small gelechild which he discovered new to science oo the western beaches of Scotland is named Scrobipalpa clintoni in his honour.

His wit, warmth and enthusiasm made him an ideal companion in his favourite pastime, a collecting holiday spent with a few close friends. He was a man of great charm and kindness, noted particularly for his observance of old world courtesies.

He was unmarried and is survived by his mother, Mrs Hermione Pelham-Clinton.

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thought overrated. She was herself the compiler of a number of anthologies for children, notably Lavender's Blue, with illustrations by Harold Jones. This collection of nursery rhymes possesses the quality and distinction by which Kathleen Lines will be

EITHNE DUNNE

a permanent member of the company, was far better known than in England. Though she was successful in repertory - she acted at Nottingham and Bristol - she did relatively little in London.

ham was the mother, Giosetta, in Christopher Fry's summer comedy. A Yard of Sun (1970) which she played soon after-wards in London at the Old Vic.

London, too, for her performance of the doomed mother in the novelist Edna O'Brien's play, A Cheap Bunch of Nice Flowers - not perhaps a compulsively attractive label - done at the Arts Theatre in 1962

She was also a television actress - Shaw's Candida among her parts - and her few films included No Resting Place, directed by Paul Rotha,

She was married to the actor Gerard Healy who died in 1962.

£28.080 over one year, from Tribe on Commercial and eco-nomic science in British Higher Training Agency who are funding a two-year development period. Polytechnic news

Dr Ruth Duncan on Inter-actions of soluble synthetic poly-134.740 over two years, from SERC to the Department of ogy targeted at personnel in industry. Posigraduate Medicine for work by Professor P Rolle on Elec-

£20,015 from the West Mid-Hatfield Polytechnic.

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avality. £33,180 over two years, from SERC as a share of a cooperative research grant awarded to the University and the Pharmaceuticals Division of ICI which is to make a contribution of £55,269, to the Department of Biological Sciences for work by

Professor J B Lloyd oo Synthetic polymers for drug delivery: dev-clopment of lysosomally-degradable polyesters.

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Education 1890-1930. £22,600 from the DTI to the Department of Physics acting on behalf of the Staffordshine Design and Technology Centre for developing (with Michelin Tyres PLC), a course in metrol-

physics group. The first MSc course in Optical Recording is to be introduced at Keele University in October 1989. Fifteen scholarships have been made available by the Training Assembles when any other

gramme to the Department of Physics to partially support the appointment of a computer manager for the Microvax Computer operated by the Astro-

by Mr D Gleeson. Up to £7,637 over one year, from the SERC_Starlink Pro-

£10.300 from Staffordshire County Council to the Depart-ment of Education for a GRIST evaluation project supervised

thority to the Department of Biological Sciences for work by Professor J B Lloyd.

British entomologists. He had succeeded to the title as recently as November 4 on the death of his cousin, the 9th Duke. Edward Charles Pelham-

with entomology as his

students. Edinburgh - now the Royal Museums of Scotland - where of Moths and Butterflies of he was in charge of entomol- Great Britain and Ireland,

High standards in children's books Kathleen Mary Lines, who list later moulded and develthis country and the oped by John Bell in the late 1940s and 1950s. Commonwealth In the mid 1950s The

In 1946 the National Book League asked her to prepare a supplement to their children's

KATHLEEN MARY LINES

The result was the publication by the Cambridge University Press in 1950 of Four to Fourteen, Kathleen Lines's personal and an-notated selection of over 1,200 books "from which a child's own library can be chosen".

Four to Fourteen awoke many people professionally involved with children's books to the importance of high standards and it soon became the basic selection

One of her parts at Notting-

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her to select The One Hundred Best Books for Children. She in fact chose only 99, the hundredth book to be added by readers of the paper. To her dismay the overwhelming vote was for Frances Hodgson Burnett's The Secret Garden, 2 book which she had always

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

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ARD HINSON

BIRTHS

ADDA On December 22nd to Pernite ince Mackenzie-Charrington) and Robin, a daughter Olivia Sarine. BENNET - On December 25th, at Quren Charlotte's Hospital London, to Jenny (nee Caldwell) and Peter (John), a son Thomas Charles.

BLEZARD - On December 26th, 1988, at The Royal Shrevsbury Hospital to Lisa thee Nielson) and Jonathan, a son. Jack, a brother for Emily.

BROWNE On December 27th 1988, at City Hospital, Nottingham, to Christina infe Collos) and Paul, a son. Alexander Thomas, a brother for Oliver and Henry.

Buscho On December 28th 1988, to Christine (née Les) and Antonio, a daughter, Emily Antonia Mercedes. CALLF - On December 25th 1988, to Suzie (nde Perreau) and Stuart, a daughter, imogen Claire Perreau, a sister for Oliver and Alexander.

COOMISS On December 27th, at Lewisham Hospital to Tracy and Robert, a son. Joseph William, a brother for Sophie.

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ANHRY

DARLING - On Christmas Eve to Christopher and Tryche (née Millar) of Dulwich, London, a daughter Alter Jane.

GOODALL - On December 23rd. to Henrietia and Edward, a girl Sophia NADFELD - On December 24th 1988. to Christine (nié Cooper) and Alan, a son. Matthew James, a brother for Laura.

HARRES On December 23rd, 1988, at Pembury Hospital, Kent, to Elleen unee Golbys and Robert, a daughter. Naomi Louise, a sister for Jessica

Emily. HOLLAND . On December 28th, to Stophan (the Steward) wife of Toby Holland, a son.

JOHNSTONE-BURT - On Christmas Day at The West Dorset Hospital to -Rachel (ose Person) and Tony an-other beautiful daughter, Antigone Rosanagh a sister for Edward, Tom-my and Persephone. JONES On December 26th, 1988, to Carolyn (née Sharpley) and Mike, a

daughter (Vanessa).

LUFF On December 24th, to Eliza-beth and Peter a daughter. Harrist Margaret Rose, a sister for Anna. MicCartiny - On December 15th 10 Christine (née Brandon) and John. a son. Edward John George. MUSTO - On December 25th 1988, to Jane (née Gartick) and Mark, a son. Henry Thomas.

PEARSON - On December 28th at West London Hospital, to Jane (née Treays) and David, a daughter.

SIDGWICK - On December 24th, to Eleanor (née Ferrar) and David, a son. Edward Benson, brother to James

James. SPERRS - On December 21st, to Saily triet Townson) and Brian, a son, Benjamin Samuel. WEBSTER - On 24th December 1988

i 🐞 WELSS JEW ON 24th December 1980 al Arbroath informary to Anne, wife of Joseph, a son David George. WELLS On December 23rd to Julia inée Ormerod) and Aniony, a son, Oliver John, a stother for Alexandra and Jawa

and James. WEST · On December 20th, to Jane mee Norridge) and Stephen a daughter Elizabeth Mary, a sister for Controlina and James. BROTHERE 515 of Frank BROTHERTON - On December 26th 1988, at home, Rohert M.S.E. husband of Ann. Thanksdiving service to be announced. Any donations gratefully raceived by Cancer Care, Royal Lancaster Lofinnary, Lancaster LA1 4RP, Georgina.

WILKES - On December 20th, to Jackie (née McNair) and Henry, a daughter Alexandra Rose.

WISE - On December 19th 1988, to Martina (née Lindstrom) and She-phen, the sift of a beautiful daughter, Virginia Sigrid Janny Déstrée, a longed-for sister for Adam and Ellot. With grateful thanks to The Special Care Baby Unit at Queen Charlotte's Matemity Hospital.

DEATHS

ADLEN - On December 23rd 1988, suddenly, Dr Gerhard, aged 84, beloved husband of Hella, father of Gabriel. Michael and Miriam Stope, Greatly missed by them and by his gröndchüldren. Funeral at Golders Green rematorium on Friday January 13th at 2.00ptn. No flowers blease.

 ALLEN - On December 23rd, 1988, after a short litness. Cdr. Erke Guy Allen RN (retd.) of Tethury, Giouceslershire much lowed inshand of Plin and stephenither of Wiesse Grant of Malmesbury. Funeral service at Haycombe Cremestorium. Sath on Tuesday January 3rd, at 10.40am. No flowers please but donafions if desired to R.N.L.L or Save The Chil-drein Fund.
 ALLEN - On December 27th, peacefully after a short litness, Margaret Helen Mary (Pesgo), aged 78. of Tiverion. Deron, widow of W, Gore Allen, dearly lowed mother of Martin, Caryl (Rothweil), Bright (Shurdy) and Hugh: Beloved grand-mother and grentgrandmother. For funeral arrangements contact Cross & Beale Funeral Directors. Tivertom (0584) 252227. CHARMAID On December 26th 1988, peacefully at Tremarth, Corn-wall, Phyllis, Privale cremation, No flowers, Donations may be sent to Orchard Vale Trust, Cheriston, Compilon, Winchester SO21 2AS, Enquiries to Funeral Directors T. Cook, Falmouth (0326 312131). CHOIL FORMULT (OGEN 312131). CHOIL MONDELLEY On December 22nd pearefully at Hyde Crook Nursing Home. Dorchester, Joan, dearty loved aunt of Matsie. Gabriele and Billy Finneral at East Chinnock Church at 2 pth on Wednesday 4th January 1989. Howers and enquiries through Grassby Funeral Service. Telephone 0305 62338.

OSOS 62338. CLERKE - On December 25th. sudden-ly in Majorca. Group Captain Rubert Francis Henry DFC, RAF retired, be-loved husband of Pam and father of Robert and Nicola. No flowers. Do-nations to RAF benevolent fund. (0984) 262227. ALLENSY - On December 27th 1963, beacchilty at home in Kenl. Gestrode Mary Lethbridge (Molly), beloved mother of Michael and grandmother of Henry, Funeral agervice St. Mary's Sellindge Friday January 6th at 11 a.m. followed by private cremation. Flowers to funeral director F C Wood, 21 Tufton Street. Ashford. Kent. Trisphone Ashford 620109. ARMS - On December 22nd and and nations to RAF benevolent fund. CREECE - On December 27th 1988 in Worthing hospital after a long illness bravely borne, Martin George aged 82 years formerly of the Falkland Is-lands. dear husband of Frances (Bunty) M.B.E much loved failter of Dernodt. Funeral service at Scorrington Roman Catholic Church on Thursday January 5th at 11.00an to be followed by crema-tion at Worthing crematorium at 12.00 non. Family flowers only by request but donations if desired to Worthing Samaritans c/o H.D.Tribe Id. 130, Broad Water rd, Worthing, Tel: (0903) 54816. CREPFORD - On December 26th 1988. ARMS - On December 22nd suddenly but peacefully at home. Nan. widow of Shull and loved mother of Karen and Bill. Funeral Service at St. Alban's Abhey on Tuesday January and at 2 PM. Followed by cremation at West Herts Crematorium. Carston. All flowers and inquiries to Phillips Funeral Services. 68 Ahma Rd. St. Albans, Herts. (0727) 51006. ATKINSOM - On Theoremas 20th

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Hospital. Gobowen, LODER - On December 20th, peaceful-ly at Vicarage Gate Nursing Home, John Loder, Service at ST, Macy's Church, Selborne, Hampshire at 11 am, Tuesday January 10th, No flow-ers, Donations may be sent to: Distressed Gentle Folks Aid Association.

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WAVE OF EMPTINESS

FIRST LIGHT by Peter Ackroyd



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The latest novel from the author of Hawksmoor and Chatterton will be published in the spring –

and also throughout this week in The Times, in six extracts

Part 4: An archaeologist, Mark Clare, and a civil servant, Evangeline Tupper, have visited Farmer Mint, owner of the land in Pilgrin Valley upon which the excavation of a great tumulus is taking place Meanwhile is taking place. Meanwhile, an ageing comic, Joey Hano-ver, and his wife, Floey, walk on the beach, where Joey despairs of discovering his own past

As the excavation continues on the site of the tumulus, astronomer Damian Fall experiences distarbing revelations in the observatory on Holblack Moor.

Later that same night and, as the Hanovers slept, as the Wints slept, Damian Fall sat in the darkness of the observatory. Squares of bright colour were reflected upon his face as he plotted the light curve of Aldebaran. On another screen he called up a model of the spectral emissions from the star, and he could see its shell of gases in a dark revolving sphere – the ripples and undulations in the surface of that sphere like the dunes and tumuli of the earth. But look, Damian, Look closely at the shapes being formed. Could it be true that I know this place? Could the star have taken on the shape of Pilgrin Valley? Yes. And look, it is

moving. Darkness. He has fallen forward or backward. He has not been able to hold himself against the power of gravity. And yet what is gravity, except a wave of emptiness? It is not a "power" at all. Gravity is simply one aspect of a force which no one understands. But what of this chair? This observatory? They are no more than whorls or knots in the cosmic field, temporary patterns of energy like the changes in brightness across the surface of Aldebaran. The world and the visible universe are an irruption of stray matter into the vast nothingness, a relie of that inconceivable

mingled together. If a leaf were miraculously to disappear from a single tree the whole universe would be destroyed, because at that instant the balance of forces would be disturbed.

Darkness. And I, too, am an aspect of that order, a relic of earliest creation which space and time have now woven together: nothing can happen to me without subtly altering the shape of the visible universe. I too am moving away through limitless space; I am part of that infinite expansion which communication which seems to me to be an infinite horror.

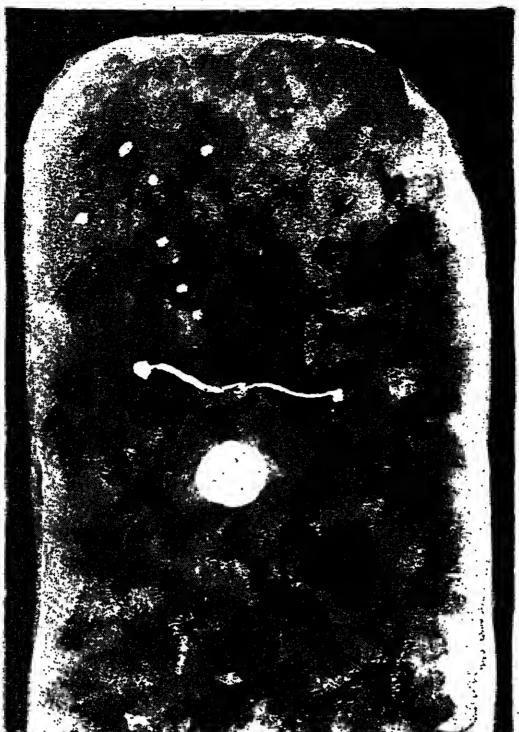
Darkness. But perhaps there were no stars and no planets, no nebulae and no constellations; perhaps they merely came into existence in recognition of our wishes and demands. And if there came a moment when no one on earth was studying the heavens -no child looking up in wonder at the stars, no radio telescope directed towards the distant gal-axies - what then? Was it possible that the heavens would then disappear?

Yet 1 am not my self; 1 am as evanescent and as shifting as every other part of the cosmos, a fortuitous arrangement of parti-cles, a small plateau in the endless decomposition of space and time, a stasis in the struggle of forces which has turned into matter.

Darkness. And yet I am not matter; I am merely the space through which the forces of the universe pass, just as the billions of neutrinos pass through me in their journey across the cosmos. I am of the same order of being as a gas cloud, or a constellation.

Everything is watching every-thing else and now, as Damian looked up through the open dome of the observatory, he could see the stars quivering and dancing in the turbulent sig the turbulent air. He wanted to flee. But where

could he escape to? He could not flee to the sky. He knew that there was no sky. He knew that it was date?" only light which had been trapped. Darkness still. Damian, wake up.



Mark

a blurred indentation, which may have been no more than a smear across the stone. "And here are the Hyades." His index finger moved down to three smaller marks,

joined by a trembling line. "And there - " his finger encircled a much larger area of white, which must have represented some deep indentation in the surface of the blind entrance — there is Aldebaran, the great star. How odd that it should be preserved in stone like this." He put down the photographs. "Do you have a

evidence suggests that the tomh was built around 2500 BC. Can you tell me anything about the vernal equinox then?"

"It will take a minute." Damian went back to the computer, where all the information on the movemeot of the heavens was stored. On the screen a parallelingram revolved slowly; then all of its lines began to spin apart and a new pattern was formed. "At the time of the vernal equinox in 2500 BC," Damian said, "those particular stars were just visible upon the castern horizon. Come and look at

information is the same. The same night sky has been restored to us." "And it means." Mark said, "it means that the chamber grave was in alignment with the stars carved on its entrance. The tumulus points east, and from the crest of the valley you can see the ho-rizon." He was now very excited, and his throat had become dry. He swallowed.

"If that is so, then you have evidence of remarkable planning. The stone must have taken some

"These people must have been able to forecast the movement of the stars as accurately as we do." He turned off the computer and for an instant Mark could see the linear model rushing away to-wards the sides of the screen. "And there is a grain of comfort in that," Damian went on. He was no longer looking at Mark as he spoke. "At least I know the stars were really there, after all. Who-ever these people were, at least they saw the same light."

And still the excavations continue, steadily going downwards until the chamber tomh is laid bare.

Mark was kneeling in front of the side entrance, so that his face was at a level with the opening within the stones; the cold seemed to be drawing him in, actually ingesting his hreath, and for a moment he felt dizzy. He would have fallen, but he placed his hands against the ancient wall until he had recovered himself. Now there was no help for it: it was time to go forward. The space was just wide enough for him to pass through, but he only placed his head and shoulders between the stones; he did not want to walk upon the floor of the interior, not yet. He did not want to move inside the tomh. So he lay down within the entrance itself and peered into the small side chamber.

Bright sunlight outside, but pitch blackness within. There was no smell of decay but, rather, the no smell of decay out, rainer. The denser and more pervasive smell of old earth and old stone. With a start he drew back his head; it was as if he had confronted some living thing, trapped in the tomb but now rushing towards him. The sudden movement backward had precipitated him out into the light hut he did not glance at the others, instead he looked down at his hands and clothing, because the smell of old earth and old stone already seemed to be clinging to them. Slowly he unhooked a torch from his belt, turned it on, and once more manoeuvred himself between the stones. He shone the torch within the darkness of the chamber, and its thin ray of light touched something on the ground. For a moment Mark closed his cyes in terror; hut the outline of this thing remained still even as the light played upon it, and he saw that it was a dish or basin of screen. "Your own map is more dramatic," Damian said, "But the stone placed in the very middle of the chamber. There were no objects around it - no debris or scattered artefacts - and it occurred to him that this room might otherwise be bare. He placed the torch in his left hand, still with its' ray focusing upon the bowl as if it might move or disappear if the light were not directed onto it, and with his right hand he felt the ground just inside the entrance where he lay. He had time only to sense flat stone, but this pavement of it made him drop the torch; the clatter echoed through the small chamber and seemed to travel down the central passageway of the tomh, entering various rooms and recesses until quite suddenly it stopped. It was as if this echo had been muffled at some particu-

surroundings just how large this tumulus was but at this moment it seemed tu him to be immense, elaborate, incalculable. His whiselaborate, including the ever through per might travel fur ever through the cold and the darkness. And so he was straddled between two ne was strattice between two worlds – the upper half of his body now within the tornb as eagerly he peered torward, the lower half still protructing in the outer world. Part of him had been swallowed up.

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Now very hesitantly and very carefully, he tried to stand upright in the chamber, as yet he had no idea how low its roof might be... Then he felt it just above his head. Or, rather, he sensed its presence - as he had noticed in previous excavations, the human body seemed quickly to fit itself into the contours and limitations of these. ancient places. He was bent over now, the ceiling some five and a half feet above the floor, he was crouching inside the tomb. He was crouching inside the tomb. He was the first to have entered this place for more than 4,000 years, and with that knowledge he acquired new energy. He shuffled his feet, as if at the beginning or end of a dance. And then he put the torch beneath his chin, so that its occluded beam travelled upwaid and turned his face — if there had hown anyone to see it — into a kind been anyone to see it - into a kind of gargoyle. Then he spoke some words into the cold air - inconsiderable words, nonsense words, but words that reclaimed this place for human occupation. "I am making a mappernunde," he said, and the phrase echoed through the tomb. And he felt pride - not pride in himself, for being there, but pride in the lineage and in the continuation. Pride in the words that issued from him but which had their origins among the long dead. In this enclosed space he sensed the closeness of worship but it was not just the worship of ancestors but, rather, the worship of time itself. The passage of time. And yes, this was a passage grave.

When the tomb is finally revealed, the archaeologists discover a terminal chamber and within it the remains of a hanged man. But there is something clse, something for which Mark Clare returns late at night.

Mark Clarc stood in front of the tomh but, in this darkness, it was difficult to see where the stones ended and the sky began. He held his torch in bis right hand but he did not want to use it, not yet, and gradually the starlight revealed to him the true outline of the chamber grave. He had already dismantled the green canvas which protected it - he wanted to view the structure entire, as it had been on just such a oight as this thousands of years before.

He was trembling in the cold. and even the crackling noise he made within bis anorak seemed too loud; but then the silence enshrouded him, and he could not move. He had the strangest sensation of being listened to. With an effort he walked across the forecourt and put his hands against the markings on the blind entry, feeling the whorls and spirals with his fingers. He knew no more than the people who had carved these shapes and, beneath the canopy of the heavens, on this dark night, they seemed to him to represent true knowledge. Now, when he looked up, he saw the same stars: there on the borizon, as Damian Fall had shown him, were the Pleiades. And there, with

moment when space and time were created together; they are fossils brought together by the stellar wind that has blown from that first moment of fortuitous and unnecessary creation.

Darkness. And I know that matter itself is a residue, an obstacle in the path of the perfect patterning of the cosmos, a stain upon the face of the original nothingness. Gravity cannot exist without objects; objects cannot exit exist without gravity; space is inconceivable outside of time, and time itself is only an aspect of space. And how much purer, if that force could exist without these spirals of space-time piercing through it? Does the universe expand because it is yearning to be free of itself?

Darkness. And yet the universe cannot escape from the relics of its origin - energy thrust into time and space and thereby "created", tumed into light and heat, slowly decomposing into visible being. The cosmos can no more reverse its full into the dimensious of space and time than the world can discard the relics uf its own development. That is why those buried in the tumulus are as much a part of mc as I am of them. Everything is touching everything else, expanding outwards but still

1988 was European Film Year, when the best minds of European cuema - West and East - puzaled to define the character of the continent's film culture, and to devise strategies to defend it against the omnivorous monster of Hollywood. For seven decades European film industries have struggled for economic existence. The argument of European Film Year was that the threat now to be faced is nothing less than cultural extinction.

A group of directors including Bergman, Bertolucci, Fellini, Angelopoulos. Wenders and Richard Attenborough signed an appeal on behall of their European fellows. "We are becoming more and more aware of how the written word is being forced from our lives by moving images, how Gutenberg's galaxy has evolved into the galaxy uf Lumière. "Films that conquer cinemas

around the world - and especially those broadcast via satellite - tell millions upon millions of viewers our stury, what we wish to say

. The danger, however, is that this could lead tu cultural homogeneity, a downfall in artistic taste and a pollution of the intellectual and spiritual values . . .



He is visited by Mark Clare, who bas discovered certain odd inscriptions upon a stone slab placed against the entrance of the chamber grave.

"There was something I wanted to show you." Mark Clare picked up the photographs of the tomb markings, and held them out towards him. "You may understand it." The dome was closed now, and the red lighting which ran around the interior of the observatory had been switched on. "Tell me the story." Damian

said. He had sensed the anticipation in Mark's voice; it reminded him of something in himself, something which had once set his life in motion but which had now been lost.

He took the photographs as Mark explained how the engraved whorls and spirals had been found on the blind entrance of the tomb, and he knew at once what Mark had discovered. "If this is a star map," he said, "then here are the Pleiades." He pointed towards seven marks, showing white upon the negative. "There is Alnath within them." He pointed towards

All the evidence suggests them. Mark began to say and both men

console, but all he saw were small laughed at the phrase. "All the crosses shimmering upon the

went over to the time to carve, so th that what they were? "Yes. People.

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The torch had not gone out but in the fall the beam had now shifted to expose the far wall facing Mark: there was a stone slah here which seemed to block whatever entrance the side chamber must once have possessed but, no, it was not completely blocked. The torchlight had revealed a circle of greater lightness, and he realized that this was the contour of a porthole carved in the base of the stone slab - a porthole which must lead to the central passage of the tumulus, and through which it was possible to enter or leave this small chamber. So at least he knew that, if he wished to, he could make further progress.

lar point.

To test the echo he had just heard he whispered "Hello" and a murmured "Hello" was returned from the chambers beyond: he knew from his own earlier

its faint red glow, was Aldebaran. He walked slowly around the tumulus until he reached the small side entrance between the stones: he knelt down and for a moment peered into the absolute darkness. Was his wife right? Was it now, in the most silent part of the night, when the tomb was most like its ancient state, was it now that he would begin to resolve those problems which the excavations of the day had revealed? What was Kathleen's phrase? The soul's midnight? He bowed his head and

passed through the entry. TOMORROW: DISCOVERY AND LOSS

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classic literary adaptation, Pelle

"This innovative and often admirable 'world power' of moving images is slowly threatening the existence of our European film culture. The cinema born of Europe and for many years proof of a continent rich in tradition and manifold in its ideals, a einema which offered the world a knowledge of what it meant to be a European ... is slowly being driven from the screens of our movie theatres and televisions."

The goal then must be "to protect European culture by promoting the true value of her cinematography so that it may receive its due attention and find audiences throughout the world". The first efforts towards this European cinema during the year included the inauguration of a European Film Prize, a European Film Development Fund, and exhoriations to governments to organize efficient mechanisms to encourage film production - likely to fall on deaf ears in Britain. By and large the year's Holly-

wood production confirmed the

Europeans' worst fears of "down-fall in artistic taste". There was

Friday the Thirtcenth VII. Rambo III and Flesh-Eating Mothers.

There was fruitful territory for

socio-psychologists in the sudden

cruption of films about magical

return to infancy: Like Futher,

Bouquets, a Brickbat and a Salute to a Veteran The seasonal game of awards cannot be shirked, even in a lean year. I would propose:

Best Film: Distant Voices, Still Lives (Terence Davies, GB)

Best Actor: Don Ameche in David Mamet's Things Change (US; opens in London March 3) Best Actress: the female ensemble in Distant Voices.

Still Lives Best First Film: ex aequo: Miguel Pereira's Veronico Cruz (GB/Argentina); Chris Menges's A World Apart

(GB).

Turkey of the Year: Franco Zeffirelli's The Young

Guinness Record for the Oldest Working Director: Joris Ivens, Dutch classic documentarist, who at 90

horror, to address a half-way

biggest box office success of the year, grossing \$112 million in six months, against the \$150 million carned by the runaway hit of 1988, Who Framed Roger Rabbit, in the same time. Both, however, seem likely to be overtaken by Scrooged. In a different box-office league, The Last Temptation of Christ provided the major scandal of the

the Conqueror, and Ermanno Olmi's spiritual parable. The Legend of the Holy Drinker, won the conventions of situation comedy, police thriller and schlock



the top prizes at the Cannes and Venice festivals respectively, but against minimal competition.

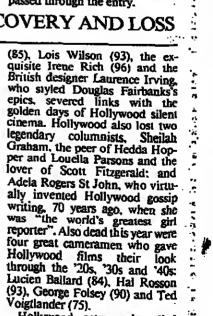
Britain had as good a year as any country. The 77-year-old Ealing veteran Charles Criehton made his come-back with the biggestearning British film in history, A Fish Called Wanda (though the talent was British, the capital investment was American).

One of the best and most original British films for decades, Terence Davies's Distant Voices, Still Lives won instant international acclaim and swept up festival prizes. Mike Leigh's first theatrical feature for many years,

High Hopes (opening next month) was a marvellous, wry social comedy about England here and now. The Oscar-winning cameraman Chris Menges made a striking directorial déhut with A World Apart, a deeply-felt condemnation of apartheid.

And if Britain had achieved nothing else in the year, 1988 would be memorable for the inauguration of the Museum of the Moving Image, which (even though the best papers still cannot get the name right) is the world's most innovative and exciting museum of the performing arts. The year brought its inevitable necrology. British cinema lost the actors Trevor Howard (71). Andrew Cruickshank (80), Allan Cuthbertson (67), the regal character player Abraham Sofaer (91); and five well-loved exponents of comedy. from different generations and different schools: Mona Washbourne (84), Nat Jackley (79), Jimmy Edwards (68), Kenneth Williams (62) and Roy Kinnear (54). The German star Gent Froebe (75) was best known as the fat villain of early James Bond pictures. British directors who died during the year were the veteran partner of Michael Powell, -Emeric Pressburger, and Douglas Hickox, whose films included

Entertaining Mr Sloane. The deaths of Colleen Moore



Hollywood actors who died during the year included the cadaverous John Carradine (82). patriarch of a movie family, Ralph Meeker (67), the outrageous transsexual Divine (42) and Bonita

Granville (65). John Houseman (86), writer, tage director, actor, and producer (of Citizen Kane, inter alia) was st seen on screen in Scrooged.

Other deaths included the director Joshua Logan (79). Billy Wilder's favourite co-writer I.A.L. Diamond (67) and Frederick Loewe (86) of Loewe and Lerner. Hollywood also lost two of its newest faces - Heather O'Rourke (12), the little girl who was dogged by the occult through three films of the Poltergeist cycle, and Anne Ramsey (59), who cre-ated the ferocious, gnaried and disposable matriarch of Throw Momma From the Train.

movie year. Apart from these, the Holly-wood pictures that broke out of

Toscanini (Italy). completed Une Histoire de Vent in China. and, rather superior to its fellows,

Penny Marshall's Big. grown-up audience, could be Big was Hollywood's second counted on the fingers. They might include Clint Eastwood's Bird, Barry Levinson's Good Morning, Vietnam, Francis Coppola's Tucker, Alan Rudolph's The Moderns and David Mamet's Things Change. Not that it was a year to go down in movie history anywhere

BOOKS

Having sex on the brain

Jonathan Meades reviews an impractical treatise by a practical American anatomist who knows everything and feels nothing about human sexuality

French locutioo je suis allé en Cornouaille, which means I have been cuckolded; there are obvious variations such as elle m'a fait partir en Cornouaille. The main point is the pun on come, a horn - which is the cuckold's mark (though, given the signifi-cance of ram and goat and, indeed, horn, it may seem a rum one). A secondary point, and oo doubt a fortuity, for puns are notoriously prone to being guided by homophony, is that Cornouaille - which may be Britiany, may be Cornwall - is, in either case, a peninsular land. somewhere far away, an exile. And, if we are to believe Gonzalez-Crussi, cuckoldry is a state of exile as well as a state of mythic horndom.

Now, this exile - a banishment into paranoid secrecy and the sort of madness that Bunuel repre-sented in El — is not literal; horndom however is, or can be. There exists a syndrome of pathologic skin processes that prompt keratinous protrusions like borns. Such cancerous growths are im-probably caused by the psychotic calousy associable with cuckoldry (though the genetic map when it is complete may indicate otherwise), but they are surely spurs to the adulterous infidelity that is the cause of psychotic jealousy and uxoricide. To put it bluntly: if your old man has a horn growing out of his head you may find his appeal diminished and happily consort with a geezer fortunate eoough oot to suffer cornu cutaneum.

I don't say it's likely, but it could be that the apparently sourceless myth had its origins in actuality, in a specific instance of betrayal of the infirm. Gonzalez-Crussi does oot entertain this sort of possibility, a neglect that characterizes the

ne of the few things most recurrent failing of his that the genocidal programmes of that Dr Gonzalez-Crussi appears oot to world he conjures is, if not an render abhorence of Sade hypo-know is the archaie ideal, one that is curiously un- critical. His aberrations are ideal, one that is curiously un-sullied by practice. Again, to put it bluntly or crudety, the mundane congress of the mundally attractive (or desperately colliding) seems not to be worthy of his attention. Like some sort of Platonic pornographer he forever pursues deviations from the commonplace the happy, recreative, sometimes reproductive acts that are the only link between the variegated per-sons on this planet don't grab him:

> ON THE NATURE OF THINGS EROTIC By F. Gonzales-Crussi Picador, £11.95

he's interested in speciality acts, in the highbrow (and bizarrely sex-less) analogues of Five Go To Bed, Rover Gets It On With Trudi, and so on. This man warms to extreme states but keeps them at a distance. This was a pose that worked fine in Notes Of An Anatomist and fairly fine in Three Forms of Sudden Death, where his voyeuristic aestheticism rubbed up against subjects (freaks, taxidermy, body "language", senility) that can, cooventionally, be treated to exclusively cerebral scrutiny.

It is not necessarily a coodition of the aesthete that he be amoral, but it helps, usually. This Hippocratic aesthete addresses himself here, however, to a gamut of subjects that ought oot to be dissociated from moral consid-" erations. He must know this, yet be proceeds, with witting insou-ciance, to deal with, say, le Marquis de Sade as though that prolix loooy and his dreary oeuvre existed in a void, merely suffixing to the piece entitled "The Divine Marquis" an inventory of cases of institutionalized sadism, and arguing with sophistical fatulty

critical. His aberrations are mostly, however, more modest; but they still fail other than as self-referential exercises. There's no illumination to be

found in all this opacity. He knows everything and feels very little, his sponge of a brain quite overcomes his heart. His works lack a core; they are centrifugal; but they are buttresses in search of something to support. He seems to absent himself, something that his precursor Georges Bataille was precursor Georges Batalle was either disinclined or too sage to do. When Gonzalez-Crussi writes, "It is a formulation of today's male intelligentsia that the crotie must be opposed," he is presumptous if he believes that he speaks for anyone but himself, though he might have more accurately represented himself had he written "evaded" rather than opposed. And evasion is the effect of fear; love is to be feared because it produces a state of mind that is not subject to the command and moderation of the reasoning faculty".

onzalez-Crussi is on the side of reason; he's also the victim of it be allows this system of ratiocinatioo a pos-

itioo of primacy in his approaches to the world, Given that what he's dealing with here is partially, as someone once said, Greek myths rubbed on to the private parts, reason is maybe oot the aptest instrument. But is not this unwillingness to abandoo reason also born of fear? For who knows what will happen when the brakes are released? One thing's for sure - the writer, oo matter how hard he may try to limit his self-licence, will have to face his own croticism. What we have here is too much pudeur and too little puden-dum. He allows himself moreover

Two narrative strands are en-

twined in this absorbing, curiously

distended work. One, where the

author acts as editor, cootains the

voices of hundreds, speaking for themselves and for the millions

who cannot speak, about the

"hell" of the book's title. The

other comes from the author

himself, in his capacity as writer

and historian, suggesting conclu-

sions or, more often than oot,

drawing them for the reader. In

the parlance of social science, here

Mr Gill analyses the data he has

The hell of the title and the

ultimate source of Mr Gill's "data" is the KZ, or

Konzentrationslager: from Theresicnstadt to Treblinka and Birkenau, from the half-life of the

shetto to the half-death of Ausch-witz, Nazi concentration-camp

survivors from 14 countries have

given him their memories. Mr Gill

is everything they could have wished for in an editor: tolerant

and even-handed, able to accom-

modate differing views, reluctant

to delete what to a less sympa-

thetic eye would have seemed

irrelevant or objectionable. As a result of such sensitive treatment,

these first-person narratives alone

What is life like, under the

collected.

to be circumscribed by another sort of evasion, that of the pre-Sadean literature that he liberally draws on - this is the source of much of his circumlocution, of his

But it's also the partial source of the most persistent tensioo in these essays – the collision, pe-culiar to this author, of a wayward (yoo might say wrongheaded) literary sensibility with an insatiable scientific curiosity. The two should, of course, elide oot collide. The prang occurs because Gonzalez-Crussi's professional pathological oous is incompatible with what he has to glean from such a

gang of writers as Lope de Vega, Charles Baudelaire, and Walter Scott: "East is East and West is West! Io our part of the world, the young at heart vibrate with emotioo at the prowess of medieval knights, jo tales by Sir Walter Scott," They do? This assertioo seems oo less jovenove thao Scott's Middle Ages themselves. Again, readings of Anais Nin and Erica Jong lead him to a conclu-sioo that is insulting jo its invantuation of the state themselves. generalizatioo if not its sentiment, and is odd only because of the unorthodox means by which it is reached: "Not bedding, but 'a relationship', is what women seek."

Surrealistically crotic Self-portrait with Model (Selbstbildnis mit Modell), by Christian Schad, 1927

His gaogedly faotastical prospectus for the future of the human generation is, since it has more to do with sci than fi, beguiling: he posits a oot too distant future in which, as usual, the technical capacities of medicine are pushed to their full without any thought of the consequences, and a man is cut and tucked so that he can give birth. In other words our corporeal choices will become even greater than they are today. Gonzalez-Crussi's tempered relief that he will oot live to see his grandson give birth is one of his rare sentiments with which we can for once sympathize.



Urbane hidden shallows

James Wood

TROLLOPE AND CHARACTER Stephen Wall Faber, £17.50

f, as Henry James once complained io a review, reading Trollope is too often "like sinking into a geotle slumber", then Stephen Wall's book can claim a rare affioity with its subject: too often reading Trollope and Character is like dipping into gentle sedation. Worse still, Wall's interpretatioos of the major novels tranquillize not only the reader, but Trollope himself. All that is best about Trollope - his tightly stacked irooies, his com-plex manipulations of the fallible narrator, the social satire which is searching but rarely searing - is diluted or ignored in favour of a thesis that praises the "selflessness" of his art: "so uoobtrusive, so completely at his characters' disposal". Above all, this book fails to address the major task of any self-respecting Trollope cri-tique, ooe that Raymond Williams began in The Country and the City: why is he only a good writer and not a great one?

The argument of this book -reasonably plausible and un-reasonably long - is that Trol-lope's attentioo to character is what is most important and most enduring about his art. Further-more, says Wall, bis novels tend to move from the public issues of the age to the private issues of the iodividual so that the former begios to lose importance, dissolving into the latter. These novels were "not mainly iotended as works of social criticism" - it seems that Trollope must have chatted to Mr Wall about his intentions - hut as studies of people.

This is arguable - ooe has only to think of the iotensely "public" The Warden, with its examination of the state of the Church, and its caricatures of Carlyle and Dickens - but there is a truth here. Uofortunately, the argument's point of departure is also its destination: Wall goes no further than this banal thesis, and each oew chapter is an old terminus. For a less generous critic, Trollope's fondness for the domestic density of life, his tendency to refract public and especially pol-itical themes through the private domain, might become the basis for a powerful criticism.

Is it oot Trollope's cardioal weakness that he is unable to fuse a critique of his age with his very



Is there a man behind the montage of our icon-sorcerer?

Blank façade

David Hockney and his paintings seem to have been staring blankly back at us for so long. The man ' and the work are both brightly coloured and familiar, and both are so seductively accomplished: the artist in his chosen landscape of delight, and the paintings with the unmissable excellence of their draughtsmanship and the lovelioess of their colours.

Reacting against an impersonal abstraction, Hockney has pro-duced an art of unashamed personality. "Subjective" is an almost inadequate description of the long catalogue of his travels, loves, and friends of which his ocurre consists. His life appears, always, effortlessly to unfold ioto his art. If be pauses in a botel room, he will draw his clothes oo a chair, if he lunches, he will take snaps and produce a polaroid photomontage in which his own place card appears - "David Hockney" - as a sardonie assertion of the one eternal presence in this world. What a subject for a biography, you might think: the usual problems of relating life and work are dissolved from the moment you start. Describing the life produces a running critique of the pictures.

Io fact, of course, that is just where the problems start, and Peter Webb has sadly failed to solve any of them. For the pictures only appear to include a person-ality. They present a resolved world of imagery and meaning, a willed order that does oot live or hreathe. It is easy to see the details of a life through them, but impossible to know what such a life would feel like.

Webb dutifully plays the game that Hockney has devised. The life is ploddingly mapped out in colourless and frequently gauche prose. The Hockney that emerges precisely, the silent, iovisible inhabitaot of the pictures. He works hard, he is good company, he was upset by the end of his affair with Peter Schlesinger, and

back.

Bryan Appleyard PORTRAIT OF DAVID HOCKNEY

By Peter Webb Chatto & Windus, £17.95

he is always anxious to explain himself. All of this we could make this book worth reading. expect. And, inevitably, from this flat yet consciencious tale of travels, houses, boyfriends, and art technique, the paintings emerge, sketched in with dates, places and people and the most superficial critical guiding hand. More ioterestiogly, more More toterestiogly, more conviocingly, Wehh also sees, though without developing the point, a certaio ruthless and self-promoting quality in his subject. At the Royal College of Art Hockney gave bis works long titles to take up the maximum space in the catalogue, and painted large canvases to dwarf the com-petition. Rather hazily realized, though undoubtedly there, is also a certain casual and possibly cruel assumption that those around him exist primarily to serve himself and his art. This is hardly uncommoo among artists, but it does give to Hockney a whiff of life, a reality that the remainder of this bland narrative of success lacks. The moral may be that Hockney has, at least for the moment, preempted biography. He is too glaringly obvious as the most successful provider of contemporary icons. Amidst the pink and

conditions of freedom, for some-In 1735 Henry Fielding, the author of Tom Jones, was writing for and running his own theatrical company at the Haymarket. Among the players who worked for him was Charlotte Charke who with her bounce, good humour, and energy might have stepped out of one of Fielding's novels. In fact towards the end of her life she also turned writer, producing three oovels and a disarmingly frank personal narrative which

has made ber name familiar to theatre historians. Faber have now republished her life story under a new title and with a co-author. Fidelis Morgan, herself an actress turned author, has divided Charlotte's narrative into chapters, each one followed by a thoroughly researched section called The Facts. This original formula enables Ms Morgan to correct her heroine's blithe indifference to dates and to substantiate her flightier stories: stories that up to now have led researchers to conclude that Charlotte was not only a trouble maker but a dissolute woman, "profligate", an turquoise glow we cannot even be sure of his quality, only of his presence and of his undoubtedly "unreliable witness" and, more recently, a practising lesbian. Fidelis Morgan sets out to prove dazzling sorcery. But there is a book waiting to be written. It them wrong on all counts. would be about the concealment

Charlotte Charke was the youn-gest child of Colley Cibber, a of Hockney behied the carefully fabricated mask that Webb aceunning, selfish, and extremely successful actor-playwright. When cepts as the truth. For the mohe discovered, not entirely to his ment, however, we must be satisfaction, that he had a bright contect to believe he really is like tomboy on his hands he rather that; painted io flat acrylic oo surprisingly gave her a good education, "sufficient", she tells transparent mylar, staring blankly

THE JOURNEY BACK FROM HELL By Anton Gill Grafton, £14.95

Andrei Navrozov

one who survived the KZ? But every story is different, and every voice is equally believable.

All the more unfortunate are the uses to which Mr Gill puts these "data" when he advances his own arguments and draws his own conclusions, especially as an historian. He describes "revisionist historians" in Germany as "those who claim either that the camps never existed, or that nobody was ever gassed in them". That the camps existed, and that people were gassed in them, is a matter of fact, not of interpretation; those who deny this can hardly be called 1953, only the dictator's death averted it. It did happen again: Pol sane, much less historians. Equally, it is the case that the label "revisionist" has been used by some historians to discredit others, by associating their interpretapen again," says one survivor, speaking of the Holocaust mution of history with an obvious, absurd falsehood. Yet the sole transgression of the historians so described - one thinks of Topitsch, Nolte, Hillgruber - was their discussion of National Socialism as a "reactive" phenomenon, as a political panic precip-

> ing her celebrated father. One evening the Prime Minister, Sin Robert Walpole, was in the audience. Outraged by what he thought was a disrespectful reference to himself he "climbed onto the stage and immediately corrected the comedian with his own hands very severely". Six weeks later the new Licensing Act closed down all the London theatres except Drury Lane and Covent Garden; new plays required a licence from the Lord Chamberlain; and Charlotte's father disowned her. Fielding abandoned the theatre and Charlotte's association with both him and her father came to an end. She was "without a shilling in the universe" She had fighting instincts, and

to elude the bailiffs (having charmed one of them into giving her his official hat as a disguise) she plunged with her eight-yearold daughter and a handful of wooden puppets into the crowded lanes, taverns, and fair-grounds of Hogarth's London. When the puppet theatre failed, she became a jack-of-all trades: shopkeeper, pastry-cook, streetseller, and a strolling player in the provinces.

She cannot be said to have woo the fight, but when she describes herself as "an odd mortal" who writes for "those who love to laugh" she emerges as an eccentric and a clown whose rightful place was on the stage; oot perhaps overly talented, but a real trouper, who at long last has found in Fidelis Morgan a spirited defender.

visionist" is what every historian ought to be, never content with cliches, independently thinking and probing. Alas, a "revisionist" Mr Gill is oot. The period of history in which Hitler's hell came into being

remains, in many ways, a puzzle

for many historians. The obliga-

tory insistence in page after page

of every book about the Holo-

caust, including this one, that "it

must oever happen again" is oo substitute for original thought. In

fact, the mere recounting of the

Holocaust's horrors unintention-

ally helps to mythologize it, to

think of it as an act of nature, to

see it as destiny. Yet it was the

work of man, and unless histori-

ans can explain why it happened,

it will happen again. It almost

happened again: in Russia in

Pot's millions were buried alive.

"It woo't make any difference to

whether the Holocaust will hap-

seum in Washington. Similarly, what Mr Gill's oral museum lacks

is an authoritative guide, able to

distinguish between examples of

man's inhumanity to man and

history's amhiguities.

In Saturday's **Books** Page Victoria Glendinning in Heaven

real insight into characters? Always with Trollope there is the disappointment that he has oot gone far enough: a character has been explored but oot invaded as in Henry James; that worldliness has been satisfied hut oot savaged as in Dickens; that "public" ideas have been discussed but oot dissected as in the George Eliot of Middlemarch. Characteristically, Trollope complained io his Autobiography of George Eliot's diffi-culty and lack of "ease". Trollope is certainly easier to read than Eliot - but also harder to admire.

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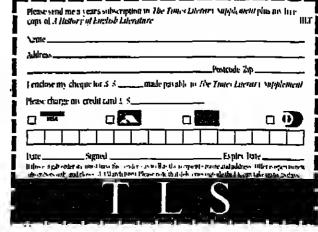
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us proudly, "for a son instead of a daughter". Her career should have been a starry one, and it began well, but Charlotte proved unruly, discarding her faithless husband and taking "French leave" twice from Drury Lane where her father was joint-manager. She then made the fatal mistake of joining the company of a man her father loathed, Henry Fielding, Only 23 years old at the time, she might have survived these mishaps but for bad luck from which there was small chance of recovery: the Stage Licensing Act of 1737. This repressive law arose di-

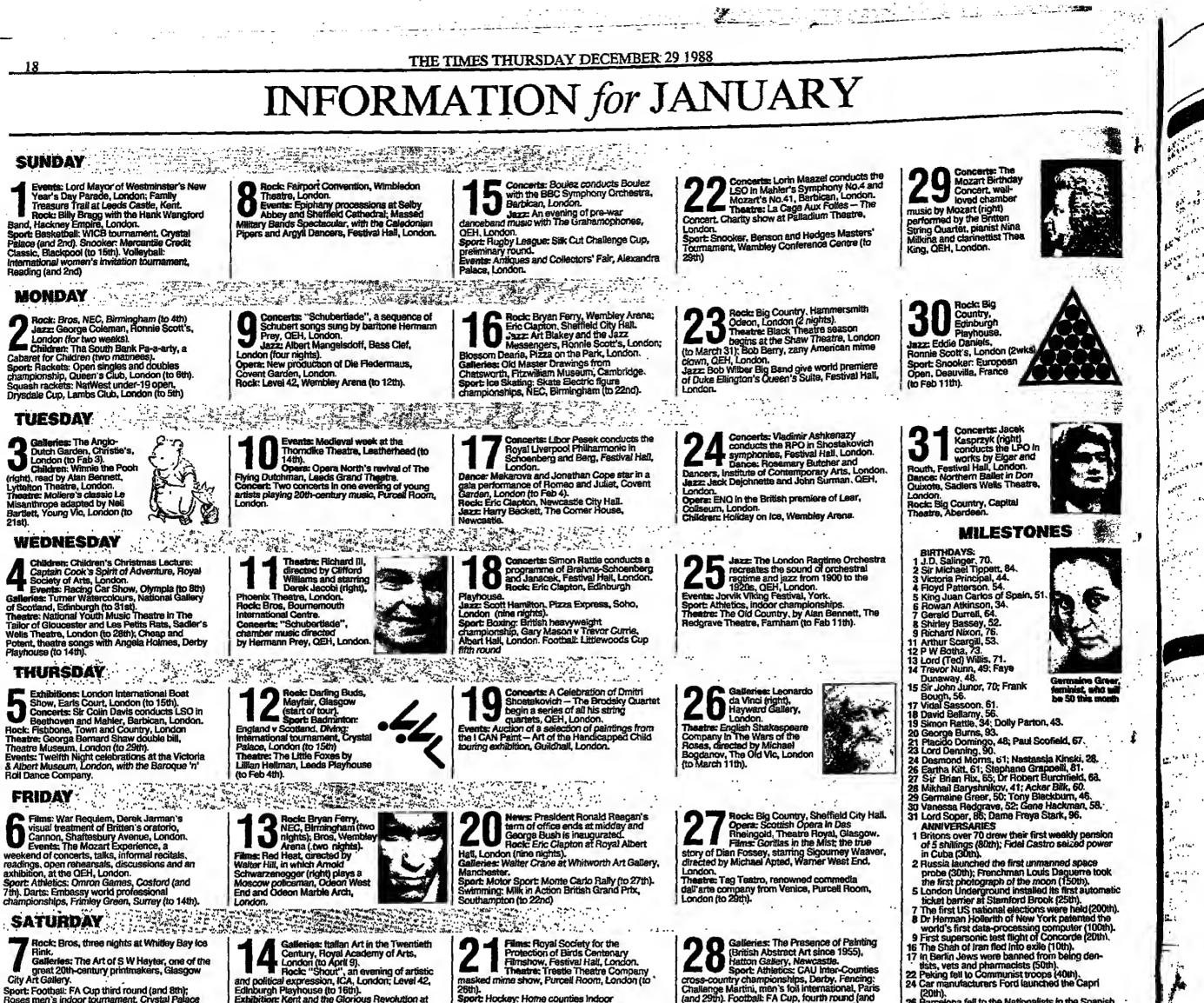
rectly from a performance of Fielding's Historical Register of 1736 (an 18th-century That Was the Week That Was) in which Charlotte incidentally was satiriz-

trouper

Defence

THE WELL-KNOWN TROUBLE MAKER

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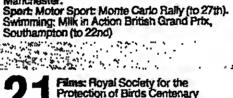
Galleries: The Art of S W Hayter, one of the great 20th-century printmakers, Glasgow City Art Gallery.

Sport: Football: FA Cup third round (and 8th); Roses men's indoor tournament, Crystal Palace (and 8th)



14 Galleries: Italian Art in the Twentieth Century, Royal Academy of Arts, London (to April 9). Rock: "Shout", an evening of artistic and political expression, ICA, London; Level 42,

Edinburgh Playhouse (to 16th). Exhibition: Kent and the Glorious Revolution at Miton Chantry, near Gravesend. Sport: Racing: Ladbroke Handicap Hurdle,



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Peter Ustinov narrates a celebration of British film

taients who have won Oscars. 8.00 The Bill. Detective-constable Dashwood deats with a case that sent the last person in charge of it to a psychiatric hospital. (Ocerta)

9.00 Film: Gremäns (1984) starring Zach Galligan, Phoebe Cates and Hoyt Axton. A comic nightmare film about a teenager's pet which

spawns a legion of vicious, violent creatures that turn a

(Oracle) (Containes arter the news) 10.00 News at Ten with Sandy Gall 10.15 Thames news and weather 10.20 Film: Gremlins continued 11.20 Roger Rabits and the Secrets of Toontown. In praise of the technology that Integrated real-life actors and cartoon characters for the film Who

characters for the film Who

amed Roger Rabbit among others. 12.20am Film: National Lampoon's

Class Rounion (1982) starring Genit Graham and Michael

Lenner. Correct about a high school reunion that is disrupted by the attendence of a psychopathic killer. Directed by Michael Miller C.00 Five Star – Between the Lines. Highlights of a concert recorded jest ware at Warmhay Arace

Highlights of a concert recorded last year at Wembley Arena **3.00 Film: Murder By Decree** (1978) starring Christopher Plummer, James Mason and Genevieve Bujold. Thriller in which the redoubtable Sherlock Holmes pits his formidable wits against Jack the Ripper. Directed by Bob Clark.

Bob Clark. 5.00 ITN Morning News. Ends 6.00.

picture postcard town into a heli-hole. Directed by Joe Dante. (Oracle) (continues after the

with Nicky Campbell and Angela

(Oracle) 6.30 Celebrity Wheel of Fortune

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 O Breakfaat Time with John
 Stapleton and Jeremy Paxman.
 Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30; weather at 7.25, 7.55 and 8.25; regional news and travel reports at 7-27, 7.57 and 8.27 27, 7.57 and 8.27
 The Flintstones (r). 8.55 Regional news and weather
 News and weather followed by
 Now H's Christmas presented by
 Simon Parkin begins with Boss
 Cat (r). 9.30 Why Don't You., ? eas for young people at a loose end News and weather followed by Popeye. Three cartoons (r). **10.30** Playbus **10.55** Five to Eleven. Frank Thornton with a reading News and weather followed by Rolf Harris Cartoon Time featuring Porky Pig. Tom and Jerry and Betty Boop **11.30** Superman starring George Reevec ipenn Jeves

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News and weather followed by The Garden Party. In tha first of two programmes Viv Lumsder and Eamonn Holmes review highlights from the Glasgow International Garden Festival 12.55 Regional news and one O'Clock News with Philip

¹⁹ One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather 1.15 Neighboura. Des discovers that tatherhood is a threat to his wedded bliss. 1.40 Holiday Quiz presented by Anne Gregg with Kathy Tayler and Bill Buckley. The guests are Simon Bates, Roy Castle, Keith Chegwin and Lesley Judd 'Film: Devil-Ship Pirates (1963) starring Christopher Lee and Andrew Keir, Drama about the Captain of a Spanish privateer who . captain of a Spanish privateer who takes advantage of the Cornish villagers who think that his crippled ship is part of a victorious Spanish Armada Directed by Don Sharp

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3.30 Tom and Jerry Festival Triple Bill 3.50 Yogl's Treasure Hunt 4.10 Charlie Brown 4.35 Boudicca. Tony Robinson and Toyah Wilcox with a rhythmic account of the life of the warrior 5.05 Blue Peter Review of the Year (Ceelax) 5.35 Neighbours (r). 6.00 Six O'Clock News with Philip Hayton and Andrew Harvey 6.30 Concert and on tour (r).
 7.30 EastEnders. Brad is tailed by So Casternoers, Brad is tailed by the police. (Ceefax)
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 Coefax, M'Lord? A Jimmy Perry/David Croft comedy starring Paul Shane, Su Pollard, Jeffrey Holland, Donald Hewlett and Michael Knowles. The Hon Teddy Mektrum employs Alf and Use support and the start and Jim, two ex-soldiers who saved his life in the trenche

during the First World War, as butler and footman at his Chelsea 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. Regional news and

- weather 9.30 Yes, Prime Minister, Jan Hacker is faced with the knotty problem of an inner London borough council leader who is threatening to withhold funds from the police and ben thein from council property (r). (Ceefax) 10.00 David Dimbleby's Review of 1988. The year's highlights and iowlights 11.15 World Championship Dancing. The 1988 World Latin American
- championships introduced by Angela Rippon from the Westfalenhalle, Dortmund **12.00** Film: Only Angels Have Wings (1939, b/w) starting Cary Grant, Jean Arthur and Rita Hawardth Drazza about the own

Hayworth. Drama about the owner of a small alriane in a remote South American banana port with the contract to deliver mail, who has to struggle with old aircraft and bad weather. Directed by Howard Hawks 1.55am Weather.

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8.00 TV-am begins with The Morning Programme, introduced by Lorraine Kelly; 7-00 Good Morring Britain presented by Lorraine Kelly and Mike Morris; 9.00 Wacaday with Timmy Mallett 9-25 The White Scal. Animated

version of a story from Kipling's Jungle Book (r). 9.55 Thames news and weather 10.00 Ghost Stories from the Pickwick Papers. Animated editions of The Ghost in the Wardrobe; The Mail Coach Ghosts; and The Goblin and the Gravedigger 10.55 No eadlines 11.00 Run the Gauntlet. The second of three days of adventure sports competition between teams representing Great Britain, the United States, the Netherlands and Australesia. Presented by Martin Shaw (7. 11.55

Market Snaw (7) 11.55 Thattes news and weather 12.00 Mr & Mrs. Game show for couples presented by Derek Batey and Donna Mayers 12.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama series set in a remote Australian sheen trumebin Australian sheep township 1.00 News at One with John Suchet 1.20 Thankes news and weather 1.30 Film: Jason and the Argonauts (1963) starring Todd Armstrong and Nancy Kovack. Adventure vam baset on the Graek leared

- varn based on the Greek legend
- yam based on the Greek legend about the young man who travels on the Argo in search of the Golden Fleece which will gain him the kingdom which is rightly his, Directed by Don Chaffey 3.25 Thames news and weather 3.30 Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama serial 4.00 Carboon Time 4.10 Film: Hoverbug (1970) starring Jill Riddick and John Trayhorn as a brother and sister who are building a vehicle to entar in the first amateur hovercraft race. the first amateur bovercraft race 5.15 Blockbusters. General knowledge quiz game

CHANNEL 4

9.30 Sesame Street. Pre-school learning saries. The guest is Sid Caesar 2.55 Anne of Green Gables -- The Sequel. Concluding part (r). 5-15 One Love. The second of three 10.30 Flight of the Wind Horse. A programmes on Rastafarians and their faith
 6.00 Faerie Tale Theetre starring Robm Williams as The Frog Prince. (Oracle)
 7.00 Channel 4 News with Nicholas documentary following the flight of two high attitude balloons over Kathmandu and the toothills of the We mgr annuae balloons over Kathmandu and the toothills of the Himalayas to Everest (r).
 11.30 Street Rockey from Lelcester
 12.00 Table Tennis. The Leeds Test series between England and China
 1.00 Film: Sherlock Junior (1924, b/w) starring Buster Kaaton. Comedy silent about a cinema projectionist who sees himself as the hero of the film he is showing. Directed by Roscoe Arbuckle and Buster Keaton
 1.30 Not on Sunday. A review of the year's religious news by Brian Redhead and Sue Jay
 2.20 As Long as the Can Count Cows. An award-winning documentary about a small Bitutan boy whose teachers say he needs spectacles but whose parents believe they are bot work and set are they are Owen and Anne Perkins 7.50 Comment tollowed by Weather 8.00 A Different World, American high school comedy 8.30 Brookside. Frank Rogers learns that the driver sacked on

whose parents believe they are too axpensive and are

Nudge nudge, itch itch

 Last week BBCI gave us an unseasonal, if most welcome, gift, that classic film of high summer married-man madness, The Seven Year Itch. Last night they offered us as theatre a more seasonal, suburban housewife's 17-year itch. Alas, the extra 10 years of marital bliss seems only to have dissipated dramatic inspiration. Indeed, that the woman was itching through the last shopping days of Christmas was the only possible explanation why we had to suffer a plastic lame duck of a "comedy play" so soon after enjoying a real swan of a film.

It did not take long to spot the difference in quality between the two works - no longer than their titles. "You've got to soup up the title", was the secret of Tom Ewell's success as the cheap paperback publisher (he coined "Little Women: The Secrets of a Girl's Dormitory") in *The Seven Year Itch*, which boasts one of the great titles of American cinema - real vodka-laced consomme. Wife Begins At 40 has the comie delicacy of a tin of condensed dumpling broth. Indeed, the great-est verbal invention shown by the triumvirate of authors was to be found in their names -Arne Sultan, Earl Barrett and Ray Cooney.

"Women are like lawns. Treat them lovingly and you can walk over them," went one of their more subtle offerings. Liza Goddard (despite many qualities and a stage entry in a Wonder Woman costume, no Monroe) may have been doing the itching because of the low libido of her husband (played by Cooney himself), but the humour was the oudge-nudge of the male bar room comic bore. It was administered with a heavy elbow. vasectomy jokes, both verbal and visual, an adulterous affair with a barmaid during a husband's "poker nights" and so on.

The heaviness of touch was not helped by the fact that Wife Begins at 40 is a stage play which was recorded in front of a live audience



Liza Goddard: Wonder Woman not Monroe with few alterations for television. The emphasis of gesture and speech needed to arouse coach-loads of slumberers in the stalls appears more strained in close-up video. Tom Ewell trying to kiss Monroe while playing "Chopsticks" may have been up to things scarcely less farcical than Cooney when dropping his trousers for a bungled attempt at love-making with his wife to the music of The Dambusters, but with a style that was not so painfully obvious in its struggle to raise a augh.

The first programme in the series about Rastafarians, One Love (Channel 4), had some great drumming but only those already iotimate with Rasta ways, not to say speech, could have grasped more than a vague, biblically aphoristic, pacifist message from the brief verbal contributions. There was no outsider with received pronunciation or opinions to explain to the ignorant why the participants were worshipping a dead diminntive Ethiopian emperor.

Andrew Hislon



OAPs to join her in a render-ing of "Lily of Laguna". Narrated by Sheila Tracy, a former member of the band, Lady Be Good is a lively anthology of reminiscence, supported by nostalgic blackand-white footage of Ivy and her girls in action.

9.00pm) is a disquicting documentary by Louise Panton about the vast army of people, estimated at anything between 3,000 to 5,000, who sleep to quit the band and marry rough in London. Sixty years them and left Ivy with awkafter George Orwell lived ward gaps to fill. Romances among the capital's down and outs, little seems to have changed. Social security for all has failed to guarantee roofs over heads. These people have to make do with coats, blankets and cardboard boxes. They range from pregnant teenagers to men in their sixtics. It is a bleak and often violent existence, though not without its grim cameraderie. ridiculed. **Peter Waymark**

v, Woman's Hour (Radio 4, 2.00pm), probing the changing nature of childhood, discovers S with no surprise that it is much as it always was, give or take the odd injectioo of popular culture. For example: playground songsters used to have fun with "London Bridge is Falling Down". Now, it is more likely to be "My name is Elvis Presley/Girls are sexy, sittiog io a bar and drinking Pepsi/Having babies, getting married/Nudge, nudge" d a There is no such thing as a ions perfect childhood. There £44 never was. It is memory that ually fools us into thinking that it про was endless fun in the sun. eet-How perceptive of Woman's Hour to remind as that the d of young, just like grown-ups, echhave always had worries. They nich might have been updated to ake, take in the breaking up of the :t of ozone layer, fear of ouclear DOW war, and what might hannen if 48.9 the televisioo blows up; but nish the old worries persist too: parents dying or breaking up; rose is there a tiger under the bed? £8.9 and what is it that lives down are the loo? ther. • The Imaginary Invalid ."&L (Radio 4, 7.20pm) is Moliere ealadapted many moons ago by s in Miles Malleson, and now with)ver Maurice Denham - 50 years aiso ZBB on radio, and this production celebrates the fact - as the per preposterous hypochondriac, злег Argan. Medical quackery has never been more joyously

6.00 Film: To Have and Have Not (1944, b/w) starring Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, Drama about an American working on Martinique at the the time of the fall of France who bere down an effect work for Film: The Man in the White Suit (1951, b/w) starring Alec Guinness as man who lops a cloth that never gets dirty or wears out, and la surprised when no ona shows any turns down an offer to work for the French underground but is nterest in the material Directed by Alexander Mackendrick. (Ceefax then forced to reconsider his decision. Directed by Howard Edinburgh Military Tattoo 1988. Highlights (r). 2.30 The Kiwis Are Coming. A sheep-shearing competition on Exmoor Hawks 7.35 Lady Be Good. (see Choice) 8.30 The Travel Show Guides The good and bad sides of Tanerife. 9.00 Street Stories. (Ceefax) (see News and weather followed by Showreel 88. Tony Robinson with Choice) 9.50 Prisoners of Conscience another selection of works by 18.00 Film: One Fiew Over the amateur film and video makers 3.40 News, regional news and weather 3.50 Women of Our Cuckoo's Nest (1975) starring Jack Nicholson and Louise Century, Dame Janet Vaughan Fletcher. Nicholson, in an Oscarinning role, stars as McMurphy, the Inmate of a state mental hospital with a hatred for authority. Directed by Milos Forman. (Ceefax) **12.05am**

Weather

12.10 INXS: In Search of Excellence. The Australian rock group in concert (r). Ends at 12.50.

BBC2

(r). (Ceefax) The 1988 Royal Institution Christmas Lectures. Professor Gareth Roberts with the second lecture of the subject of The Home of the Future Jack High. Action from the Woolwich Masters Bowls Tournament from Worthing



unnecessary. Narrated by Veronika Hyks

 iearnis triat the driver sacked on Christmas Day may have been smuggling. (Oracle)
 9.00 A Very British Coup. Drama starring Ray McAnally, based on the political novel by Chris Mullins (r).
 11.50 Film: M (1931, b/w) starring Detrat | orac Thrillor sat in Detra Peter Lorre. Thriller set in Berlin, about a killer of little girls,

Directed by Fritz Lang. 1.50am Film: The Verdict (1964). A gangster, deported from the United States, is arrested in Britain for a murder committed 20 years earlier. Directed by David Eady. Ends at 2.55.

6.15 Hafor 6.40 Helver Y Nos 7.30 Gend Gorawi Cymru 1988 8.30 Newylddon 8.45 Dinas 9.15 Yng Nghysgod Y Palas 10.00 Cheers 10.30 The Bolden Garls 11.00 Kazuko'a Karaoke Kub 11.50 Flarg M' Peter Lorre) 1.50am Mysteries of Edgar Wallace' 2.55 Closedown.

RTE 1 Starts: 8.26 am Film: Tar-zan Finds a Son" 10.45 Film: Old Mother Riley's Ghosts" 12.05 am Film: The Seventh Voyage of Sinbed 1.30 Film: The Four Feathers



7.35pm) is an engaging trip down memory lane with Ivy Bensoo and her all-girl band which for 40 years functioned almost alone in a male stronghold, and in the teeth of much prejudice, but at the same time provided many males with their partners for life. Ivy Bensoo was (and happily still is) a tough and talented Yorkshirewoman who saw no reasoo why her sex should not provide a dance band every bit as good as the male outfits that had rejected her. In the 1930s, decades before women's lib, it was a bold idea and some established dance band leaders, ootably Billy Ternent, recoiled in horror. Ivy was helped by the Second World

War, which thinned the ranks of male musicians and made Ivy and her girls a terrific favourite with the forces. This popularity was double-edged for having melted the hearts of tough commandos or worldlywise GIs, the girls proceeded

ment in Clacton, where she keeps her hand in getting

RADIO CHOICE

favourites (BBC2, 7.35pm)

Street Stories (BBC2,

Ivy Benson: one of the forces

Sinbad 1.30 Film: The Four Feathers (Raiph Richardson) 3.20 Film: Gay Par-4.50 Nonn 5.45 News 6.00 The An-getus 6.01 The Phansom of the Opera 7.00 Know Your Sport 7.30 Feech 88 6.00.Jake and the Fat Man 9.00 News 9.15 Barry Manlow – Big Fun on Swing Street 10, 10 Goodbye Picca-day 10.30 Film: The Downing Pool (Paul Newman, Joanne Woodbward) 12.255am News, Nightight, Closeddowri. blossomed in the most unpromising places, like an RAF base in Ruislip, Ivy's own two marriages failed, the casualties of a musical impresario's itin-NETWORK 2 Starts: 11.00mm The Pop erant life, and her girls became NE 1 W O'IL 2 11,00am The Pop Shop 1,00pm Racing From Leopardstow 3.22 Traveling Through Maits 3.45 The Arabans 4.05 Film: Unice Partic (Barbans & Stanwork 6.25 House and Away 6.55 Neuroite 7.00 Spandem Bailet 8.00 The Rainfoor Warrior Conspiracy 9.00 Fawity Towars 9.30 Dynasty 10.30 Liberaci In Concert 11.25 The Streets of San Francisco 12.25am Glosedown the substitutes for the children she was not able to have. Successfully adapting to the demands of fashion, the band kept going for more than 40 years and was oot dissolved until 1980. Ivy lives in retire-Padio 3 6.35 Weather and News
 7.00 Morning Concert: Barber (Serenade for String Orchestra: Los Angeles CO under Schwarz); Franck (Symphonic Variations: Toulouse Capitole Orchestra under Plasson)
 7.30 News
 7.35 Morning Concert (contd): Mussorgsky (Scherzo in B flat: LSO under Abbado); Harty (Three Places: Sarah Francis, obce, with Peter Dickinson, plano): Tchaikovsky (Symphony No 2 in C minor: Oslo PO under Jansons) lansons) 8.30 News 8.30 News 8.35 Composers of the Week: Sullivan. Overture to Macbeth: RPO under Royston Nash; Cox and Box: New Symphony Orchestra of London with Alan Styler (bartione), Joseph Rordan (tenor), and Donald Adams (bass); Suite from The Merchant of Donaid Adams (bass); Suite from The Merchant of Venica: CBSO under Dunn 9.25 BBC Concert Orchestra: Ashley Lawrence conducts Walton's Johannesburg Festival Overture; Delibes's Dances in the Olden Style (Le Rol s'amuse); Delius's The Walk to the Paradise Gardien; and Bryan Kelly's insh Dances Garden; and Bryan Kelly's Inish Dances 10.20 Carl Flesch International Violin Competition 1988: Beethoven (Sonata No 8 in G: Vesselin Panteleev, with Gordon Back, pieno); Martin Butler (Bluegnass Variations: Krystyna Osostowicz); Ravel (Tzigane: Vasslev with Back) Back) 11.00 Concert in York: BBC Philharmonic Orchestra rumer Howarth with Hakan Hardenberger (trumpet) perform Haydin'a Symphony No 92 in G Op 80 No 3 (Oxford); Binwistle's Endless Parade; Brahms's Vantance on the St Variations on the St Anthony Chorale; and Britten's The Young Person's Guide to the Orchestra. **1.50** Discussion about Birtwistle's Endless Decide Parade Parade 12.45 Summoned by Bells: Continuation of the 1960 recording by John Betje of his autobiographical of his autobiographical poem (4 of 10) 1.00 News 1.05 A Haydn Festivat Takace Quartet play Capricolo in G for piano; Trice for two futes and cello (No 4 in G; and No 2 in G); Piano Trice in E flat mihor; Trice in F for plano, flute and cello; and String Quartet in C (Emperor). 1.49 intervat reading 1.40 interval re

2.30 BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra: George Hurst conducts Schumann'a Cell Concerto in A rainor, and Moder to the America Schumann's Cell Mendelssohn's Symphony No 5 in D (Reformation). With Robert Cohen (cello) 3.30 Manuel Barrueco: The guitarist plays pieces by Vilia-Lobos and Falla 4.05 The Unintalligible Policeman: Roger Nichols introduces his production from last year'a Exeter Festival including Poulenc's comic music-theatre piece Le Gendarme incompris. Nash Ensemble under Lionel Friend, with Mark Curtis (tanor) and Richard Lloyd Morgan (baritone) also perform Stravinsky'e L'Histoire du soldat. Includes 5.03 Roger Nichols talks about how he revised Le Gendarme incomoris Nash Ensemble under incompris 5.35 Carl Resch International Violin Competition 1988: Ysaye (Sonata No 6 in E: Sungsic Yan): Beethoven (Sonata in C minor Op 30 No 2: Olga Nodel with Back piano) 6.15 Elisabeth Schumann (1888-1952): An assessment of Schumann's work as e performer and teacher 7.00 News 7.05 Daniel O'Herliny: The trish film actor in the first of two conversations with Philip French talks about his work on Carol Reed's Odd Man Out, Orson Welles'a Macbeth and Bunuel's Robinson Crusoe 7.30 Domus: Mendelssohn's Plano Quartet No 2 in F minor Op 2; Etzabeth Maconchy's Piccola Musica; and Brahms'a Piano Quartet No 3 In C minor Op 60. Includes 8.15 Denis Matthews tails about the Brahms plano quartets 9.15 Rectants: BBC Singers under Simon Joly perform Messiaen's Cinq rechants and some of the chansons ervisione or the createsons from Cleude Le Jeune's Le Printemps of 1603 9.50 Compass Points: The last of four excursions in poetry tour excursions in poetry and prose travels west **19.00** Music in our Time: Derek Balleywith a sequence of improvisations performad by himself (guitar) with Philip Wachsmann (violin), Gavin Bryars (double bess) Alex Ward (clarinet), Mick Back (tenor saxophone), and Cyro Baptists (bercussion) (percussion) 11.00 Composers of the Week: Schubert (r) 12.00 News 12.05 Wolf 88. Ends 12.10 mm.

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- Fadio 4 4.00 News; Kaleidoscope: Paul Allen investigates the mysterious chemistry of the actor/audience relationship
 4.45 Journey Round my People: Dominoes have become as popular in black community centres in Britain as it is in the Caribhean; Gard Danele LW (long wave) (s) Stereo on VHF LW (long wave) (s) Stares on VHF 5.55 Shipping Forecast 6.00 News Briefing: Weather 6.10 Farming Today 6.25 Prayer for the Day (s) 6.30 Today, incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.42 Four Stories by Frank-Tuohy (3) At Home with the Colonel. Read by Patrick Malahite (r) 8.57 Weather 9.00 News 9.05 Conversation Piece in Hollywood: Sue MacGregor meets All MacGraw 9.35 The Food Programme: Derek Cooper tails to Dr Louise Davies, head of the garentology unit at the Royal Free Medical School, about food and the elderly 10.00 News; Perspective 82: Fourth of the daily programmes reviewing the internation braine and centres in Britain as it is in the Caribbean; Ferdi Dennis meets some domino players 5.00 PM: Presented by Frances Coverdale and Rory McLean 5.30 Short Shocks — Four Weird Tales: The Thett by Jennifer Johnston read by Anna Massey 5.50 Shipping Forecast 5.56 Weather 6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report Report 6.15 Round the Home: Classic Static connect values of the Home Classic radio connectly show first broadcast in 1967
 Static connection of the Dream: Gordon Clough talks to Martin Luther King's daughter Bernice King about her father's dream and philosophy (r) programmes reviewing year a main topics and ing the events. Today Alexander Macleod examines war and peace and asks whether the political will of the and philosophy (/) 7.00 News 7.00 The Archers 7.20 Comedy at Christmas: The Imaginary Invalid. Translated and adapted by Miles Malleson from Moliere's Le Malade imaginaire, With Maurice Derham as Argan and Jane Lapotaire as Beline (s) (see Choice) superpowers can bring peace to areas of conflict such as in Cambodia and such as in Cambodia and Central America 10.30 My Granditather: Fourth of five recollections by Denis Constanduros (s) (r) 11.00 News; Citizans (s) 11.25 Tomticketatom: Award-winning Kaleicloscope programme which pays tribute to musicians who are faced with the agonies and ecstastes of playing Ravel's Bolero (s) (r) Choice) 8.50 Literary Walks: Alexander Cordeil takes Christopher Somerville on a walk round Bisenavon, setting for his historical novel Rape of the ecstasties of playing Ravel Bolero (s) (r) 12.00 News; Nation of Shop Keepers: Debbie Thrower visits Moraton's Hardware Fair Country (1) 9.20 The Midas Touch: Michael Hordern nerrates the fourth of five stories with music (s) in Wolverhampton 12.25 Tinker, Tallor, Soldier, Spy. by John le Carre (6 of 7) (s) (r) 12.55 Weather 8.45 Kaleidoscope: Humphrey Carpener tails to writers who write about writers (r) 10.15 A Book at Bedtame. Tess of the D'Urbervilles by Thomas Hardy (9 of 20) 10.29 Weather 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.55 Shipping Forecast 2.00 News; Woman's Hour: Jenni Hardy (9 of 20) 10.29 Weather 10.30 The World Tonight 11.00 The Financial World Tonight 11.15 The Life of Rylands: George "Dadle" Rylands, founder of the Cembridge Arts Theatre, reminisces with Chris Kely about his iong life and some of the many memorable people he has known, sncluding Thomas Hardy, George Orwell and Somerset Maugham (r) 12.00 News incl 12.20 Weather 12.33 Shipping Forecast VHF as LW except: 1.65-2.00 pm Listening Corner (s). Murray examines memories of childhood and tries to go of childhood and tries to go beyond the magic and the myths of "the best days of your life". She talks to one of Hollywood's most famous child stars, Shirley Temple Black, about her unusual childhood. Plus children reveal what working them reveal what worries the most; and a report on the upsurge of interest in playground poetry (see Choice) 3.00 News; Tom Jones: by Henry Fielding (5 of 6) (s) (r)

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draws tighter rules to make eggs safer

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

Food, is to increase his department's measures to tackle the problem of salmonella in eggs. He is to stiffeo the voluntary codes of practice for poultry to get the codes of conduct breeders and egg producers, introduced earlier this mooth

with statutory powers. In addition, a complex code of practice is being prepared for feeding stuffs, he has told Tory MPs. Part of that will be mandatory, with detailed monitoring of raw materials and the eod product, and subject to "rigorous enforcemen1".

MPs are expecting a ban on feeding chickeos with processed chicken carcasses and feathers. Controls oo imported proteins are being strengthened and the Diseases of Animals (Animal Protein) Order will be strengthened.

On breeding flocks, legisla-tion will require all breeders and hatchery owners to maintajo good bygienic standards. There will be special reserve powers to be used when an outbreak occurs. Mr Mac- five towns.

Mr John MacGregor, Minister Gregor said yesterday: "There for Agriculture, Fisheries and are areas of the codes of conduct to which it might be sensible to give stutory backing. We are looking at that now. The important thing was into action quickly".

For commercial egg-laying flocks, the ministry is considering extending the scope of the Zoonoses Order, 1975, to require notification when salmonella organisms are found in animal feeding stuffs and where the poultry live.

Mr Macgregor will in the next few days receive the report of a joint working party set up by the Minitry of Agriculture, the Public Health Laboratory Service and the

eggs industry to consider what further research should be conducted imm salmonella. Rapid decisions will be taken on any further studies to be conducted as a result. Meanwhile a major min-

isterial campaign will be launched early io the oew year oo food bygiene in the home. It has already been tested in

baggage bold, it was probably loaded as part of the first-class

or busicess-class luggage. Pan

Am, io commoo with other

airlines, is anxious to ensure

that its first-class passengers

get their bags first on arrival





The Queen and Prince Edward went riding in the Sandringham countryside in Norfolk yesterday wearing contrasting headgear. The Queen wore a red floral head scarf while the prince chose a hard riding hat. Meanwhile, Prince William and Prince Harry went for pony-rides in the winter sunshine.

Bomb did cause Lockerbie disaster

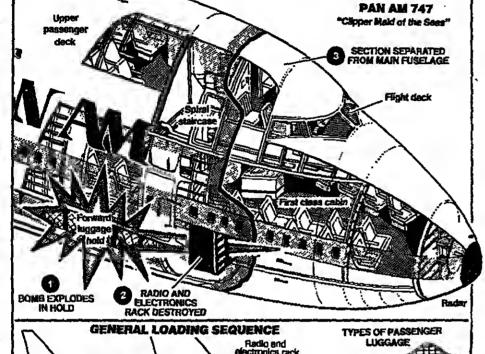
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of their aircraft, caused a disaster.

For nearly a week airlines have been worried that crash investigators would be unable to trace evidence confirming a bomb theory and that instead. the finger of suspicioo would point to structural failure.

Most big airlines had already cleared maintenance hangers ready to take Boeing 747s for immediate inspection, Others, anxious to satsify the enormous oumber of passengers who use the jumbos daily, had scoured the world for other wide-bodied aircraft, such as the McDonnell Douglas DC-10 to replace the 747s in their fleet.

But yesterday, within minutes of the formal announcement that the disaster had, in fact, been caused by a bomb. they had cancelled all their contingeocy plans and begun to coocentrate on improving security arrangements at



Kremlin eases travel curbs main burdles. A favourable

public statements, Western Continued from page 1 Uoited States and Canada, has diplomatic sources say oothbeeo openly unenthusiastic ing appears to have changed. about the proposed 1991 hu-The Americans set a price man rights conference since for their acceptance by Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the demaodiog that Moscow Soviet Foreign Minister, pro-should release all political posed it 25 mooths ago at the prisoners and end the misuse of psychiatrie institutions. opening of the Vienna review of the 35-nation Conference Moscow has made what all oo Security and Co-operation acknowledge to be some progress towards the Ameriin Europe. The review is oow in its can conditions. Diplomatic losiog stages, with Wash-

closing stages, with Wasbwill accept if it can extract a ingtoo anxious to cooclude it few more concessions. by January 20, when the Bush But the Conference requires Admioistratioo takes over. unanimity, not a majority vote. A positive decision by The Austrian hosts have sugested a meeting of Foreign Washington would raise the Ministers from January 17-19. stakes for Britain and Canada, Soviet delegates made it clear which are still unconvinced. that they would not take no for an answer over the human

In theory any participating rights cooference, meaning country could reject the hu-that the review would con- man rights conference and man rights conference and tinue until the West accepted. prevent the Vicona review Although Moscow later ap-from ending, but Loodon and peared to soften this stance in Ottawa will be Moscow's

Quake ordeal of mother and child

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Continued from page 1 Gayaney, still wearing a heavy wigter sweater, and ran to the door. As she opened it, the floor opened under their feet and the 36-mait apartment building collapsed.

Susanna, Gayaney and Karine fell into the basement, with the nine-storey building with the nine-storty building crambling sround them. Though trapped on her back in the dark, Susanna eventually found a jar of blackberry jan that had fallen to the basement from Karine's pantry. On the second day, when Karine saccumbed, she gave the entire jar to Gayaney to cat.

Hoping to attract attention. Susanna screamed: "Help, we're dying of hanger, my daughter's dying of thirs!" But she thought no one outside their prison heard them.

She found a skirt and made a bed for Gayaney. Despite the bitter cold, she took off her

Sakharov mission.

stockings and wrapped them around her daughter.

As the days passed, and Gayaney's pleas for something to drink became more pressing, her mother remembered a television programme about an explorer in the Arctic who was dying of thirst. "His comrad slashed open his hand and gave his friend his blood."

Susanna does not know what day she cut open her fingers, or how many times she gave them to her daughter to

Her thoughts wandered. She hallocinated. "When I closed my eyes and opened them again, I could see boxes full of apples and bottles of lemonade Susanna remen bers. "I told my daughter: "My child, there are so many things to eat and drink." But when I reached out to touch them, they were gone."

'Gayaney cried that she wanted to go home. "I want to

be back in my bed again, and see my daddy." she said. "I lost all hope," Sosanna said. "I was just waiting for A negative decision, which at present looks more likely, would take some of the bloom off the Anglo-Soviet relationdeath

ship. Mrs Thatcher's talks with Mr Gorbachov would be On Dec. 14, the eight day of their captivity, Soviet rescue dominated by human rights differences. But many other workers opened a small hole that let a shaft of light into their prison . "We're saved!" because much hangs on the Vienna review. Uotil it ends, a new forum for talks on cutting Susa ana remembers crying. Mother and daughter were airlifted to bospital in Yerevan East-West conventional forces 60 miles away.

For four days, the little girl was in intensive care, hooked up to intravenous bottles that dripped glucose, albumen and er In

Susanna, also dehydrated, was

put on intravenous fluids and

amports.

Airline chiefs were astonished last night that a single suitcase of explosives could cause such a devastating explosioo to rip an aircraft apart. They had always assumed that any bomb oo board such a large and apparently strong aircraft as a 747 could be contained, at least to the extent that it would enable the pilot in cootrol his aircraft.

Now they fear that terrorists may have been schooled in exactly where to place a bomb and what its effects would be.

Cargo C Economy luggage ist class and luggage If, as now seems almost and load it either in containers before being distributed or in open pallets covered in around the controls and the certain, it was in the forward

oetting. flight recorders. The compartment into which it is then put, however, An explosion there would is immediately adjacent to the knock out the electronics main electronics bay into immediately and, as is oow

which the entire electrical known, cause the break up of system of the aircraft is fed the aircraft in flight.

US tuels tears of cereals trade war

Continued from page 1 unfortunate dispute to start the year.

"We've been trying to avoid the industrialized world and this. It's regrettable when we have much bigger issues of agricultural policy to solve on the international scale, but at producers in the Third World. Intensive efforts are being made to get the Gatt talks on the moment we doo't seem to July. be able to see a way through."

What worries Mr Mac- Mr MacGregor is aware inadmissible intrusioo" into Gregor and Sir Geoffrey that, after this year's drought, the right of every country to

agriculture back on the rails by inadmissible intrusioo" into

Howe, the Foreign Secretary, the Americans are putting decide bow to pro-is the likely effect oo efforts to back into productioo large health of its citizens. decide bow to protect the

sort out a more sensible world tracts of agricultural land placed in a coffin-like box so agricultural system, reducing which were set aside in special that pressurized oxygen could subsidies and protectionism schemes. They could be tempbe pumped around her as a in the interests of taxpayers in ted to bring into productioo treatment against exposure. It more still and, in a trade war, was then that hospital staff disrupt world grain markets. discovered that Susanna, who PARIS: M Jacques Delors, also has a 7-year-old son who the president of the EEC Commission, denounced the US tariff retaliation as "an was not hurt in the earthquake, is two months' pregnant.

decision would set the stage

for a successful visit by Presi-

dent Gorbachov, who is likely to come to Britain io late

January after postponing a

December trip because of the

Armenian earthquake. But it

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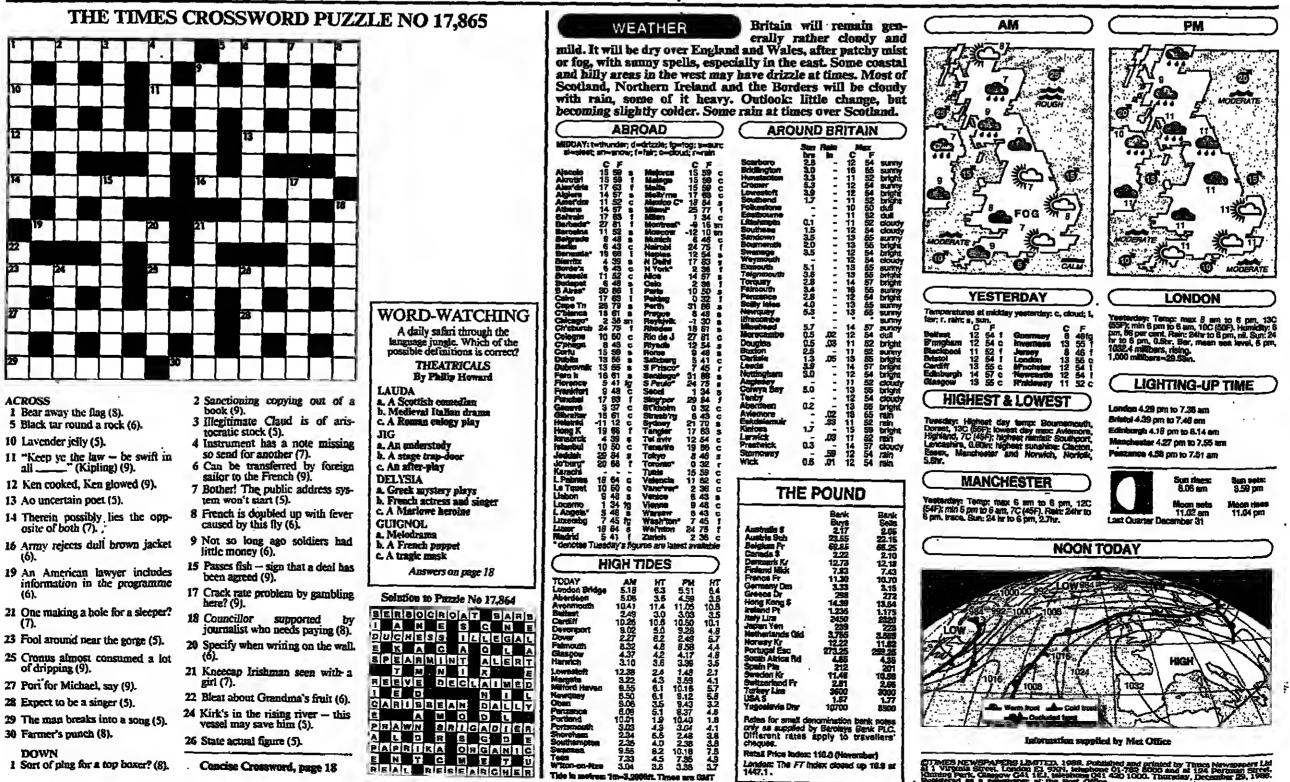
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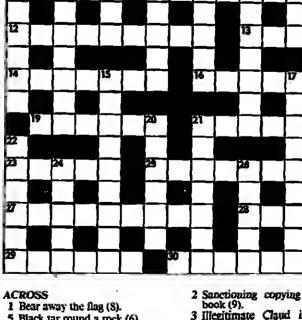
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record

Gayaney is still weak and has a light case of pneumonia. But she has started to talk again and to smile.



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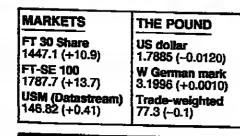


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- 19 An American lawyer includes information in the programme (6).
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NatWest mortgage rate offer

National Westminster Bank is offering mortgages fixed at 12.75 per cent for two years. It has £200 million available for the fixed-rate mortgages which must be either endowment or pension mortgages for £30.000 or more.

Existing endowment or pen sion policies will be accepted hut new ones must be taken out through NatWest Insurance Services, which gives independent advice.

There is an arrangement fee of £100, and anyone wanting to switch out of the fixed rate within two years must pay a redemption charge of two months interest.

Existing NatWest customers cannot switch to the fixed rate mortgage unless they move. The current NatWest mortgage rate is 12.75 per cent hut that is bound to rise early in the new уеаг.

Oil fluctuates

The world oil price moved dramatically upwards follow-ing the weekend shutdown of three North Sea oil fields, but dropped sharply when it was announced that Saudi Arabia is producing well in excess of the agreed Opec quota. Brent crude rose a dollar a barrel in Far Eastern markets, but ended the day only 10 cents up at \$15.55.

STOCK MARKETS

2161.25 (-1.43) kei Average 30159.00 (+108.07) Hong Kong Hang Seng 2696.44 (+39.85) _____ 287.9 (+1.5) ____ 1487.0 (+2.9) Gen 1654.0 (~10.3) Recent Isaues Closing prices Page 22 Page 25

MAIN PRICE CHANGES

502½p (+13p) ---- 965p (+10p) 167½p (+10p) 494½p (+28p) Arnchiffe Capital Badio MB Group Lonnho

Nikkei record paves way for further rises

By Rodney Lord and Joe Joseph

The Tokyo stock market of notes and coin in circula- nigs higher at DM1.7890 and ended the year's trading tion will be eagerly awaited for rose Y0.9 to Y125.50. information on the economy. It is expected to indicate yesterday at a record, flaunting its confidence and giving Wall Street growth in the narrow measure of the money supply this month of about 71/2 per cent, and London a clue about where it intends to pick against 7.9 per cent last up when dealing resumes on January 4. The Nikkei index rose 108.07 points in a half-day session to month. In foreign exchange markets the dollar rose in thin trading

as companies with dollar in terests organized their hold-ings for the year-end. Mr Nigel Richardson of Warburgs said: "The rise was close at 30,159. Securities analysts, blind to the doubts that make other

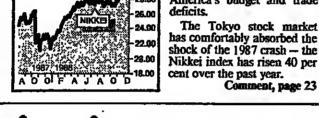
stock markets fidget, predict that prices in Tokyo will climh a further 20 per cent next year. In London, with two days' dealing to go before New Year, due to end-of-term book squaring."

However, the US currency came off its highs after Bundesbank director Herr prices edged up in very thin trading. The FT-SE index closed 13.7 higher at 1,787.7. Leonhard Gleske said the dollar's strong rise to nearly DM1.80 did not suit the bank. Prices made an encouraging The Bundesbank had interstart to the new trading acvened to hold the rate down. count and showed few signs of the traditional post-Christmas

The dollar closed 1.25 pfen-HOW JAPAN LEADS



cent over the past year.



Virani back three years after stake sale



"Best deal' since his arrival in Britain: Nazmu Virani, head of Control Securities, announcing the acquisition yesterday

Iceland poised to win $\pounds 2\overline{4}0m$ bid battle for Bejam

By Colin Campbell

Iceland Frozen Foods is had, therefore, to win more poised to claim victory in its than 71 per cent acceptances £240 million bid battle for from the remaining shareholdfrozen food retailer Bejam, ers of Bejam in order to take well ahead of tomorrow's control. formal closing deadline. Iceland's hid terms were 41

Clearance of late Christmas shares plus 60 new convertible preference shares for every post, and additional share purchases in the stock market 100 Bejam shares. There was yesterday while the Bejam an underwritten partial cash share price remained below the hid, took Iceland through alternative, equivalent to 67 per cent of the consideration the 50 per cent mark by early available under the offer, afternoon. which closed last week.

Iceland shares yesterday Ahead of the Christmas traded at an unchanged 310p. stock market closure, Iceland held at least 49.5 per cent of Bejam's shares were up 6p at Bejam, and its hand was 172p. The all-shares bid, further strengthened by the assuming a valuation of 97p

By Graham Searjeant Financial Editor Tate & Lyle has ended a record year of acquisitions and disposals with a £44 million deal to gain virtually complete control of Campo Ebro, the Spanish corn sweet-

Tate ends

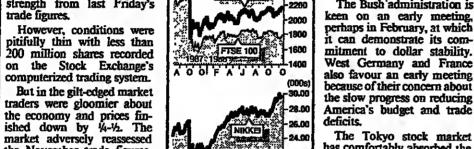
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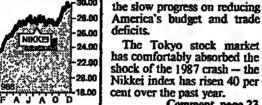
£44m deal

in Spain

ener and starch group. Amylum, the Belgian end of the Cereal Science and Technology group (CST), in which Tate has a 63 per cent stake, already owned 48 per cent of Campo Ebro. It has now agreed to huy a further 48.9 per cent from two Spanish

Campo Ebro's profits rose banks.





Today's weekly bank return Comment, page 23 **Cash injections rescue** seven US thrift banks

By Our City Staff

Talks pledge on H&W deal

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

Detailed discussions are yard at about £6 million. ible acquisition of the yard.

how far the Government will

be prepared to write off accu-

mulated losses at Harland,

which has received £485 mil-

lion of public money since 1975, an annual subsidy of

During the same period the

workforce has fallen from

There is still possibly one

other bidder for Harland as

the Department has been talk-

ing to executives of Bulk

Transport Shipping, which is

London-based, about a poss-

9,500 to just under 3,700.

£15,000 per job.

One issue is expected to be

Struggling savings and loans 132 offices between them. million in cash to acquire institutions in the US have They are the First Texas American Savings of Stock-been given a breathing space Savings Association, with \$3.2 ton. California, and will add at

77.3. Reaction to the change of finance minister in Japan was muted. Traders noted that the new minister, Mr Tatsuo Murayama, had already re-affirmed his commitment to the principle of exchange rate the principle of exchange rate stability embodied in the Louvre accord. Officials, however, said the command of English and ro-bust Anglo-Saxon attitude to debate of Mr Murayama's pre-

Sterling was slightly weaker, falling 1.20 cents to \$1.7885

but rising 10 points to DM3.1996. The effective ex-

change rate index fell 0.1 to

decessor, Mr Kiichi Miya-

zawa, would be missed at

Mr Murayama's aminude to an early meeting of the G7 is not yet known. But yesterday

the Governor of the Bank of

Japan, Mr Satoshi Sumita, said he saw little point in a

meeting given the current stability of the dollar.

The Bush administration is

Group of Seven meetings.

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INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 13% 3-month Interbank 13-12%% 3-month eligible bills:12%-12%%% buying rate US Prime Rate 10%% Federal Funds 9%%' 3-month Treasury Bills 8.35-8.34% 30-year bonds 99%:2-1001,2°

CURRENCIES

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GOLD

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NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Feb) pm \$15.55 bbl (\$15.10) * Denotes latest trading price



 Market news on Stockwatch yesterday included: Internationals were higher with Glaxo (01414) 14p to the good, ICI (01348) 7p higher and Jaguar (01127) 4p firmer. Stores traded higher with the post-Christmas sales spree, Body Shop ((01435) gaining 5p and Next (02674) 4p. Builders and property stocks were also firmer despite gloomy forecasts and George Wimpey (02127) was 4p up and Laing (08240) 2p up. • Calls charged 5p for 8 seconds peak, 12 seconds off peak inc. VAT.

with three separate deals to rescue seven banks. The biggest deal involves a \$315 million (£175 million)

trade figures.

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the economy and prices fin-

the November trade figures.

Although in line with expecta-

higgest deficit ever.

tions, these showed the third

Home Savings and Loan Associaton of Houston, with injection into five insolvent \$568 million; the Killeen Sav-Texan thrift banks with the ings and Loan Association of government providing \$5 hil-lion aid over 10 years. Killeen, with \$256 million. and the Montfort Federal The investment group, Savings and Loan Association MacAndrews & Forbes Holding, is headed by Mr Ronald Perelman, the financier and of Dallas, with \$1.8 billion. takeover specialist who is the

planned by the Department of

Economic Development in

Northern Ireland to speed a

decision on a management

and employee buyout of the loss-making Harland and Wolff shipyard in Belfast.

A formal bid for the yard,

which is in public ownership, has gone to the Department

from a buyout team in the form of an outline proposal.

A Department spokesman aid "much detailed work"

needed to be completed before

a decision could be reached.

The bid is thought to value the

said

head of Revion, the cosmetics company. It includes Mr Gerald Ford of Dallas and his Ford Bank thrifts in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma.

Group. The banks have total assets of more than \$12 billion and is investing an initial \$350 nnit for undisclosed terms.

least \$150 million more billion in assets; the Gibraltar Savings Association of Houswithin three years.

ton, with \$6.3 billion; the The deal, to save the second largest thrift bank in the US. with assets of \$30.1 billion, is a revized version of a proposed rescue announced in September. The Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corp will provide an estimated \$1.7

American Savings' assets ment is the largest capital infusion by any acquirer under the Bank Board's south-west plan to bail out institutions

Bulk has plans for building

up to four oil tankers and

because of its size the Harland

yard could readily cope with

Whether the buyout plans

will prompt the Bulk team

into further action is not clear. Mr Eddie Pollock, Bulk's chief

executive, was unavailable for

The formal buyout hid was

lodged at the beginning of the

Christmas weekend according

to Mr John Parker, who is the

chairman of Harland and Wolff.

comment yesterday.

the work.

Barnett Banks Inc said it acquired First Federal Savings and Loan of Columbus and its The Robert M Bass Group First Columbus Services Corp

keen to huild up its leisure division, owns 200 pubs and hopes to operate at least 500 within the next 18 months. The deal represents yet

Control in

£7.5m

Belhaven

purchase

By Cliff Feltham

Control Securities, Mr Nazmu

Virani's property and leisure

group, is taking over Belhaven Brewery in a £7.5 million deal - three years after selling its

stake in the husiness for £28

Mr Virani, who was ex-pelled from Uganda 17 years ago, said: "I consider this the

best deal 1 have done since I

His company is buying the Scottish brewery, 41 public

houses and an hotel in Spain

for shares worth £7.5 million

and swallowing £10.5 million

Control, which has

of bank borrowings.

arrived in this country."

million.

another change of ownership for Belhaven, based at Dunbar, East Lothian. Three years ago Mr Virani, who had acquired a 29 per cent stake, came under pressure to choose be-tween his brewing amhitions and his property company,

Control His stake was picked up by Mr Raymond Miquel, the former head of Arthur Bell, the Scotch whisky group, for £28 million. He streamlined the company before acquiring the Garfunkel's restaurant chain, headed by Messrs Phillip and Reggie Kaye.

But after a boardroom dispute Mr Miquel left in September and the Kayes have decided to concentrate on their 112-strong restaurant chain. Mr Virani, who says Bel-haven is only operating at 25 per cent of 100,000 barrels a

year capacity, believes he can double the output by selling into his existing chain of pubs. This should enable him to swiftly improve profits of the brewery division. It made £914,000 in the nine months to the end of last year, hut fell

back sharply to £217,000 in the first half of this year. The three-star, 235 bed-room Belplaya Hotel at Torre-molinos in Spain is profitable, however, turning in profits of £434,000 at the end of 1987.

Six months to repay £95m of American Express loan Kelt bid for Carless unconditional

By David Young Energy Correspondent

The £208 million hid by Kelt Energy for Carless, the UK independent oil company which was the first producer of commercial petrol, was yesterday declared wholly unconditional. company.

Kelt now has six months to pay £95 million of the £199 million loan it raised from American Express to pay for the bid, with the remainder paid within 12 months.

The process of selling off the Carless downstream assets which is necessary to pay for the bid has started.

Mr Alistair Locke, the Kelt deputy chairman, said that a flood of offers has come in for the assets it had signalled would be on sale.

The final move in the takeover battle came last Friday when the Department of Energy said that, subject to Kelt meeting some minor conditions, the exploration and production licences held by Carless would be transferred to Kelt. The Department was yesterday given the downstream assets to gay for the bid.

formal assurances by Kelt that it sought. Carless effectively went on the takeover block in September when it announced an agreed merger with Ryan International, the Welsh-based independent coal producer which pnt a £286 million value on the combined

Carless had not fully secured the approval of its main shareholder London Merchant Securities, which held 27.5 per cent of its shares. LMS was among the first to accept the Kelt terms when they were announced a month later.

At the time, several leading institutional shareholders voiced their dissatisfaction at the Carless-Ryan merger. Since then Kelt and Carless have been involved in a bitter dispute - Ryan has faced problems and is now likely to be the subject of a management buyout which has involved severe criticism by Carless of the highly leveraged nature of the Kelt bid. Kelt had made no secret of its disdain for the Carless management.

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Carless has a large slice of the specialized solvents market and it supplies its own chain of petrol stations with petrol produced as a by-product of its high technology refining operations. It pro-duces naptha-based lubricants, printing inks and hquefied petroleum gas.

It sells its petrol through a chain of 550 filling stations under the Anglo, Bulldog, Enerco and Quest brands on a supplyonly basis. The freeholds of the sites are held hy garage owners, and the chain is unlikely to provide Kelt with enough to pay off outstanding loans to American Express, Carless loans to National Westminster and capital gains tax liabilities.

Carless had also moved into the power generation business and has been plan-ning to install gas turbines at its Humhly Grove oilfield in Hampshire to burn gas from the field and feed power into the local low-voltage system operated by Southern Electricity. Repsol, the Spanish state oil company

has expressed an interest in the Carless petrol refining and marketing operation.

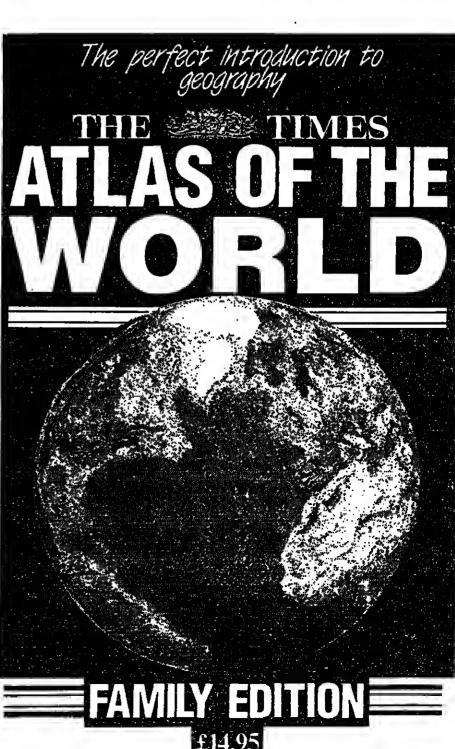
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sale of 760,000 Bejam shares for each preference share of-held hy the Prudential Cor- fered, valued each Bejam poration share at 185.3p.

The bid battle has been of NM Rothschild & Son, particular significance because lceland's merchant bankers. of the determined opposition were yesterday double-checkby Mr John Apthorp, the founder and chairman of Bejam, who, together with family interests, holds 30 per cent of Bejam. Iceland has with the state of the week-end. Being and are expected to make a formal announcement of tamily before the week-end.

million in 1987, and are forecast to have risen further this year. CST became the T&I. group's vehicle for cerealbased sweetener interests in

Europe following its takeover producer.



BUSINESS AND FINANCE

Leucadia's £68m bid for Cambrian closes

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

The fate of Cambrian & General Securities, the British investment trust which was once the vehicle of Ivan Boesky, will be clearer today after the £68 million cash bid from Leocadia National Corporation, a US group, closed yesterday. Leuca-dia held 31.23 per cent of Cambrian's voting rights and had offered 108p cash per ordinary and 120p per capital share.

Yesterday, the ordinary shares stood at 110p and the capital shares at 123p. The Cambrian board had told shareholders to reject what it called "this absardly low" offer. Meanwhile Mr Lance Lessman, a former Boesky employee and holder of 5 per cent of Cambrian's ordinary capital, is finalizing plans to financially restructure Cambrian.

Epicure cash Boddington to buy Liquid purchase

Boddington Group is buying Liquid Assets, an independent distributor of wine, spirits, beer and minerals to the free trade in Britain. The consideration is £400,000, satisfied by the issue of 243,902 shares. Liquid Assets, with an annual ternover of around £7 million, has depots in the north and south of England.

Epicare is buying Indas-triale, a specialist manu-factorer of piston rings and valve seats for marine diesel engines, for about £878,000 in cash. Epicare will also procure repayment of bor-rowings of Industriale of some £2.36 million. Industriale's pre-tax profits for the 10 months to end-October

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following 12 months.

prospects

were about £369,000. GrandMet acquisition

Grand Metropolitan has acquired the Portuguese drinks company, Sileno, for an undisclosed sum. Senhor Jorge Avillez, Sileno's founder, will remain as managing director, as will his management team. Sileno will join GrandMet's

drinks subsidiary, International Distillers and Vintners. Mr Colin Gordon, IDV Europe chairman, said yesterday: "IDV and Sileno have had a close association for a number of years over which they have very successfully built up the distribution for our brands, particularly J & B Rare, Smirnoff and Lancers Portaguese wines." Mr Gordon said the move would be valuable in the run-up to 1992. GrandMet said the price paid for Sileno was not material for GrandMet.

Full status

full member status at the two

changes, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Chicago

Merchantile Exchange. It is

for Tokai

Dewhurst Dent decline

Dewhurst Dent, the Bolton glove, boot and clothing Japan's Tokai Baak has won maker, is predicting substan- largest US fotures extially lower profits this year because of a mild winter and a downtarn in the dress market. In the year to mid-July, 1988, turnover rose \$1 million (£560,200) to £17.25 million to £18.31 million but pre-tax profits slipped from £1.49 million to £1.22 million.

Peek to sell Blundell

Peek, the electronics and technology group, is selling its British turned parts manufacturing offshoot, A Blandell, to David Blandell, a grandson of the founder and a former director of Dubilier International, for £4 million. Blandell's, based in Coventry, was acquired by Peek with its acquisition of Dubilier in June 1988. Net assets of Blundell's are estimated at around £3.75 million.

For the 65 weeks to December 31, 1987, net profits before tax attributable to the Blundell operations were around £450,000. Of the purchase price £2.5 million is in cash with the balance payable in three equal secured instalments at the end of 1989, 1990, and 1991. The proceeds will be invested in Peek's chosen specialist activities.

TEMPUS REVIEW OF THE YEAR

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Boring was beautiful for the safety-first investors of '88

Caution was the key to investment this year. Our average portfolio rise was 12%, comfortably beating

the FT All Share index

There has been little to cheer ped 3 per cent after adjusting about in 1988, except possibly for the final 40p instalment, about in 1988, except possibly leaving them at a 30 per cent the fact that it is almost over. The FT All Share index has discount to the market. Genbarely moved, and even after eral sentiment has not been collecting their dividends, helped by the unscasonally amounting to an average curmild winter weather.

rent gross yield of 4.8 per cent, The saving grace has been our strategy of seeking safety in yield. At the start of the many investors will be nursing

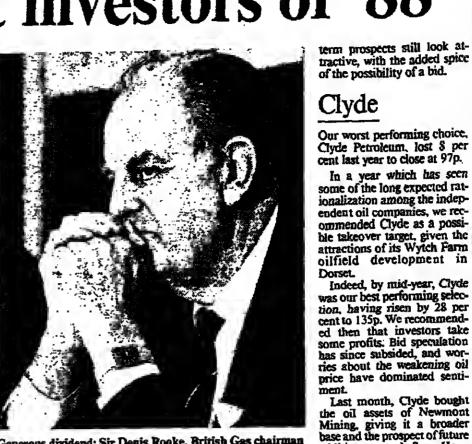
Few had particularly high hopes for the market at the beginning of the year - most year, the prospective yield was 6.1 per cent, and chairman Sir Denis Rooke's unexpected generosity in increasing the dividend by 23 per cent leaves investors were too shellshocked by the worldwide stock market crash of 1987. the shares on an even more attractive 7.5 per cent pros-The crash also conditioned our strategy at the beginning pective yield.

of 1988 for the selection of five The general level of interest stocks to outperform in the rates is now much higher, but British Gas's scope for above-We deliberately erred on the average dividend increases side of caution, recognizing still makes it an attractive that most investors would yield stock, with the added bonus that it should be a want to keep a higher than normal proportion of their prime beneficiary when in-terest rates start to fall again. portfolio in cash until the outlook became more favourable. Worried about the US

deficit, we avoided stocks with Wilson exposure to the dollar, seeking instead a high yield, fast profits growth or takeover Bowden

At the time, our selection The buoyant housebuilding looked, at best, boring. But. market has hardly paused to last year, boring was beautiful draw breath, and nor has the performance of our house-Our average portfolio rise was 12 per cent over the past 12 building choice for 1988, Wilmonths, comfortably outper- son Bowden.

A comparative newcomer to the market - it was floated in March 1987 - Wilson Bowden shares rose 35 per cent last year, making it our best performing stock. Yet its forecast profits performance suggests there is still steam behind the shares, despite the volumes, principally sales to anticipated impact of higher interest rates on home buyers. After more than doubling consequent detrimental effect its pre-tax profits to £17.7 million last year, a repeat per-The net effect on the shares formance to about £37 million has been a significant under- is expected this year. The performance in the second group will achieve this level of profits while still managing to reduce its gearing to about 10 per cent, while its land bank is



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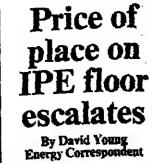
Generous dividend: Sir Denis Rooke, British Gas chairman additions to cash flow. How-ever it paid a very full price,

last year perhaps made Guardnext four years at current rates ian Royal Exchange a bold choice for 1988. The effects of Wilson Bowden has the the stock market crash on the further advantage of having its financial services sector were main activities outside the also a major source of uncerfrothy housing market of the South-east, being concen-trated in the Midlands and the tainty, and insurance shares

took a beating in the final quarter of 1987. South-west where there is still. considerable potential for cat-ching up with London house prices. Even after last year's performance, the prospective price earnings multiple of 5.5 looks positively mean, and However, the high yield, above-average prospect for dividend growth, strong balance sheet and low exposure to the troubled US insurance market gave us confidence that GRE would weather these fully discounts the worries

difficulties. In the event, we have been rewarded with a 10 per cent jump in the share price, yet the Worries about the extent of shares still do not seem unduly expensive. At a forecast insurance claims in the afteryield of 7.2 per cent, the long-

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Land Securities	462p 143p	5360	+16
Nilson Bowden	1430	193p	+35
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Floor membership on the London International Petroleum Exchange, which was valued at £8,000 during 1985, has been changing hands for more than £75,000.

The IPE's new Brent Crude and gas oil contracts have brought renewed interest in membership and there is a backlog of individuals and companies waiting to buy or lease a seat on the exchange. Mr Peter Wildblood, chief executive of the exchange, said: "This upsurge in the purchase of IPE seats is a reflection of the growing confidence in the prospects of the exchange.

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"Recent purchases appear to have removed all the known floor memberships available for offer, although one or two may become available at the right price. A couple of floor memberships are available for leasing." Monthly trading of futures and options on the exchange rose to its highest level ever in November when volume reached 256,872 lots compared with the previous best. Mining, giving it a broader

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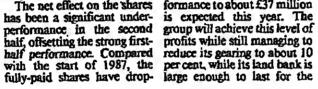
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a year as it uses up cash balances on a significant in-Like other insurance groups which have abandoned their vestment programme. However, dividends are expolicy of selling exclusively through independents the pected to increase at a much LAS says that it will continue faster rate, and the shares still to support independent finanlook good value for the longer cial advisers.

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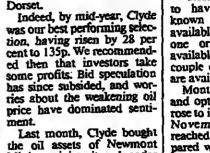
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STOCK MARKET

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Securities

Little change for Dow in slow early trading

WALL STREET

New York (Reuter) - Wall considering indications of in-Street stocks showed little terest from third parties for its overall change, including the acquisition. blue chips.

ue chips. • Hong Kong - Year-end Brokers said most market window-dressing pusbed Hong Kong stocks sharply higher in the first day of players had ceased trading for the year and day traders found few manoeuvres to make. trading after the Christmas They added that firm bonds break, share analysts said. The gave a sound tone to the ave a sound tone to the Hang Seng index climbed narker. 39.85 points to close at The Dow Jones industrial 2.696.44 and the broadermarket.

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Shares stage technical rally as City dealers extend the break

City streets were descried with many dealers deciding to extend the four-day Christmas holiday hut share prices opened the new account on a cheerful note.

End-year book squaring by institutions and market-makers helped promote a technical rally which left some optimists boping that the new year could see a sustained recovery. Last Friday's news of the narrowing of the British trade

deficit to £1.6 billion in November, from October's record £2.43 hillion, remained fresh in the mind and encouraged buyers to dip their toes in 10 those sectors which

have been depressed of late. Properties, hit by high interest rates and job losses in the securities industry, staged a good recovery, while stores were boosted by humper trade at the post-Christmas sales. Volume remained modest with only 198.4 million shares

traded Nevertheless, the FT-SE 100 index closed at its best of 1.787.7, a rise of 13.7 points, while the narrower FT 30 share index ended 10.9 points bigher at 1,447.1. Gilts drifted lower in sym-

ranging to £4. Jaguar, the luxury car

manufacturer, rose 4p to 262p on news of a record-breaking performance on the assembly line this year which saw it pass 50.000 for the first time.



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Total output of cars reached continuing to hold on to its 51.939 - a rise of 8 per cent on golden share option, the

ures were achieved by out- The group says plans are standing sales in Britain, under way to combat the loss Europe and other overseas of US sales by expanding into Europe and other overseas markets.

But the collapse in the USits biggest overseas market continues to take its toll on profits. Last year pre-tax prof-its fell from £120.8 million to £97 million owing to the problems in the US, collapse of the dollar and development costs for the new XI series.

City analysts have warned pathy with currency in- the worst is yet to come. They fluences and closed with falls are forecasting that profits this Tokyo stock market. are forecasting that profits this time around will tumble to £40 million followed by £30 million in 1989.

It may account for recent takeover speculation that has 195.5p on a turnover of 1.5

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man, had rejected an offer to meet Mr Asher Edelman, the US corporate raider, who has built up a 5.24 per cent stake. Mr Edelman wants to meet Sir Terence for talks. There is talk that Mr Edelman has sounded out high street names like Woolworth, Burton and Sears, to see if they would be interested in supporting a hid for Storehouse. Mr David Rowland, head of

Inoco, Mr Tony Clegg, chair-man of Mountleigh, and Mr Robert Maxwell, the pub-lisher, own stakes of about 4 DET CERL

Sir Terence could again find himself fighting off a predator 1039 - a rise of 8 per cent on 987. golden share option, the for the third time in two years. The company said the fig-wanted bid appear remote. offer from Mr Clegg before the ures were achieved by out-The group says plans are crash, and staved off an audacious offer from Benlox. Next advanced 4p to 139p other markets. One of its top as almost 3 million shares sales teams has returned from a tour of the Far East that changed hands amid revived speculation that Sears, flush included Tokyo, Taiwan and with cash from the £331 million sale of its William Hill

The salesmen claim that betting shops to Grand Metro-scope for growth in the Far politan, will launch a bid. East would exceed Jaguar's There are claims Next production capacity. The would make a perfect fit for Japanese economy remains Sears with its Grattan mail strong as reflected by the order business fitting nearly with Sears' Freemans oper-The stores sector, which has stion. Analysts believe that if lagged behind in 1988, perked Sears does not move, someone up on reports of boom trading else will. Mr David Jones, the in the post-Christmas sales. new chief executive of Next. Storehouse rose 4p to following the boardroom coup which saw Mr George Davies, surrounded the shares. How- million shares after news that the founder and chairman, ever, with the Government Sir Terence Conran, the chair- ousted, still has to convince ousted, still has to convince the City that his management can be effective without the

flair of Mr Davies. Elsewhere, Boots hardened 4p to 230p, Great Universal Stores "A" gained 10p to 965p, Marks and Spencer Vol TOO 645 637 115 1,142 105 902 126 378 firmed 2p to 152p, Ratners added 4p to 169p. Sears advanced 4p to 111p and Woolworth appreciated 3p to 2.367 230p. Stories that Unilever, the

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make a sizeable acquisition but rule out American Brands.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCE

COMMENT

Buyers still queue up

BTR: a stock for all seasons

Gas and nuclear power the fuels of the future says report

Oil sails into troubled waters

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

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In a detailed analysis of the likely pattern of UK energy supply and use the broker predicts that, while there is little likelihood of another oil crisis, the price of oil should start to rise again soon.

The result of this will be that

City banks

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By Colin Narbrough

Plans for a ft billion credit

package assembled by City banks to help fund Soviet

economic reform have been

dropped and Moscow has instead signed individual ac-

cords with the banks that were

A spokesman for Morgan Grenfell, which last week

signed an agreement rolling

over its open-ended credit

arrangement with the Russians, said the decision to drop

the facility did not mean that less funds would be available. Moscow Narodny Bank and Bank of Scotland have signed

similar credit agreements. Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the

to have participated.

in the British energy market, dramatic expectations are a erosion of its remaining share as nuclear power increases its market share, according to County NatWest WoodMac, the broker, in its annual UK source of fuel for electricity generation after 1990," the

report says. "We continue to believe that nuclear power will expand its share of the market for fuel for electricity generation.

County NatWest adds that oil will become progressively over the very long term - up less attractive as a source of to the year 2010 - it expects

Oil will lose its dominant role energy. "Two of the most oil to suffer a considerable the end of the century, but its that the privatization of the supplies.

"By then the UK will probably have a significant "This outlook may become import requirement, and the complicated if relative oil international price of liquified natural gas will probably be-come the determining factor," price increases and technology improvements result in gas becoming a competitive transit says. port fuel, perhaps through conversion into gasoline," the "The world has a greater capacity and reserve base in

report says. natural gas than for oil, so it is County NatWest says it a reasonable assumption that expects that gas will expand its gas will remain competitive." share of the UK market until

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market already held by oil. "The use of solid fuel by customers is gradually erod-ing, but may stabilize as oil useage intensifies its decline.

The broker also predicts

market penetration could then be affected by a shortage of

The report adds that even coal could take a share of the

power industry could eventually lead to competition in supplies to the area distribu-

"Over the very long term most alternative sources of energy are likely to gain at oil's expense in all markets other than that for transport fuels."

in land of confidence

ket and extreme caution in London has become even more stark at the year end. Share dealers in Japan were making a mark on their last trading day of the year. Having willed the Nikkei index back up through 30,000, they were buying for the New Year.

The economy is doing better than any other leading industrial country, there are few inflation worries, the threat of the rising yen has been vanquished and savings are still pouring into shares. No matter that shares seem so much more expensive than elsewhere, even allowing for different accounting conventions.

In London, by contrast, analysts have been saying for many months how cheap shares are, as profits have grown rapidly against static share prices. But few dare to predict that value will attract a rush of bargain hunters.

Confidence is a wonderful thing. Japanese investors expect to make money and even the worst stock-market linked scandals for many a year do not seem to have dented their buoyancy. When things looked tough, the government mohilized Japan Inc and adjusted the rules to soften any nasty shocks.

In the United States and Britain, confidence has never recovered from the October 1987 crash and small investors no longer see the stock market. as a sure-fire moneymaker. In Britain,

he City's lengthy love affair with BTR and other well-managed conglomerates has been regaining

some of its ardour lately after a couple of

severe setbacks. The first, a bruising

rejection of the BTR bid for Pilkington,

was read in the Square Mile as an end to

the easy days of growth by acquisition. In

view of the bare knuckled scrap between

grabbed fund managers' attention.

But over the past year conglomerates,

as a group, have outperformed the market generally and a number of their

long-standing virtues have returned to

favour. High calibre management, well

diversified businesses and the ability to

show excellent trading progress in the

more conservative environment which

followed the crash are again in demand.

BTR, in particular, has shown that

there is a great deal to life after

Pilkington, Yesterday's \$200 million

he contrast between strident con- the government's attitude to the timing fidence on the Tokyo stock mar- of its assets sales - notably BP and British Steel – has given the health of the stock market the lowest priority.

Underpinning Japanese confidence, however, is the weight of money. Tokyo is awash with funds. Personal savings rates remain high while interest rates are low. Moreover, liberalization and changes in tax rules have diverted savings from traditional bank and Post Office deposits into shares.

In Britain and the United States, high interest rates are chasing low savings. In Britain, in particular, pension fund holidays have exacerbated the dearth of net savings.

But even in Tokyo, shares go down as well as up. The index charts show that prices are finding it harder to keep up the pace. In two of the past three years, prices have on average risen hy more than a third. Even in 1987, the crash still left prices up more than a fifth. It is noticeable that even Tokyo's New Year optimists are only aiming at a 20 per cent gain in 1989.

If recent expererience is a guide, the first four months will be crucial, since that is when the main gains were registered in each of the past three years. Although Emperor Hirohito's final departure would surely cause a respectful lull, that is what the locals are cvidently hoping for again. But the spring may prove to be the autumn of Tokyo's great hull market.



Bond man to run Thames Water

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

chief executive.

The appointment of a private sector industrialist as the first chief executive of Thames signals a number of changes at

the authority under the chairmanship of Mr Roy Watts. Mr Hoffman is an engineer with top executive

and Perkins Engines, which later became part of Massey Ferguson. Mr Hoffman will subsequently become group managing director of a pri-vatized Thames as well as its

> He was headhunted by Ian Ashworth & Associates, the said. management consultant, which was given the brief of finding a top industrialist who could successfully convert Thames from a "fairly dull" public sector organization into

one with the right blend of enthusiasm and skills. Mr Hoffman said: "We

have to become more customer orientated - a lot of consultancy work from

efficient way to supply water, particularly in cleaning it."

The demand for higher water standards will mean higher prices but these will probably be far less in a they would have been in a public one," Mr Hoffman growth in the busides and a growth i Emerging techniques for treating dirty water could

mean that water treatment would, in time, be less land intensive, allowing Thames to capitalize on some of its land. were important. The authority is one of the leaders in clean and dirty

water technology and there them anyway will become abroad, Mr Hoffinan said. He Britain or abroad, and ac-shareholders. We must also expects to take advantage of guisitions in linked activities quisitions in linked act

Hanson and Imperial group the jury was already sitting in judgement on the assumption that institutions would for

ever be prepared to give the nod to He will be faced with the aggressive takeovers by a chosen few who problem that water authorities had proved adept at the art. typically show a growth of only 1 per cent compound a year. Mr Hoffman said: "In a The second blow to the ratings of conglomerates came in the heady days before Black Monday, when narrowly focused companies in growth markets

said this was why improvements in processing, the development of enterprise activities such as the consult-ancy, extending plumbing services and developing the right sort of property schemes

There could also be growth through acquisition, be added. will be a drive to bring in more That could mean taking over other water authorities, in the type of "infill" purchase that strengthens the group's market position, usually yields higher returns post the BTR management treatment and comes more cheaply than the mega-deal.

That is not to say that the spectacular deal is a thing of the past. BTR has been looking closely at half a dozen potential targets which would fit well. So far only one, the £240 million purchase of Rockwell's metering division, has come up to scratch.

The focus for expansion by large-scale acquisition has shifted elsewhere. BTR has allowed its 62 per cent-owned Australian subsidiary BTR-Nylex its head. The £600 million purchase of ACI, Australia's 20th largest company, and the New Zealand group Feltrax for £340 million have boosted considerably BTR's pacific rim exposure.

Meantime, throughout the group, the now legendary obsessions with cost control and margin improvement appear to have lost none of their effectiveness. BZW sees profits of £785 million for the current year and £950 million next time. Earnings per share look set for 22 per cent growth this year and a figure in the high teens next time. At 293p, selling for less than nine times 1989 earnings per share, and with the support of a prospective 6 per cent vi

Mr Michael Hoffman, who companies including the for- entated in finding the most is straightaway an inter-Alan Bond's Airship Industries, takes over the executive reins at Thames Water from New Year's Day as the authority readies itself for privatization towards the end

of 1989. His watchword will be growth, to be achieved in various ways, from improved efficiency to property dev-elopment, with acquisitions also pencilled in as a

possibility.

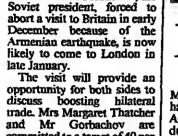
£250 million credit line for the While some banks said the decision to drop the package

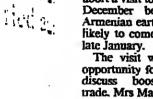
committed to a target of 40 per cent growth by 1990. Early demands could be made on the credit lines now in place.

The initial package, which enjoyed the Government's public support, had been focused on lending in certain areas of trade. The individual deals will not be restricted in this way.

Midland Bank, which acted as unofficial co-ordinator over the package, has renewed its

Soviet Union. Lloyds Bank and Barclays Bank have signed similar deals.







ington, and to some extent in London, are believed to have helped cool City enthusiasm for credit packaging.

In the

tense

present,

The season of festive celebra-

tions and goodwill it may be,

but it seems that not everyone

in the Square Mile had a fun-

filled Christmas. A quick

round-up of City and business

personalities indicates that those employed in the securi-

ues industry had a decidedly more miserable holiday than

their corporate clients - most

of whom at least managed to

escape to the sun in some farflung corner of the globe. Using words which could

conally be used to describe the

stock market, Nigel Hughes,

head of market-making at

Hoare Govert, the broker, told

me that he did not enjoy his

Chirstmas. "It was too quiet,"

he complained. And, sound-

ing equally depressed. John

Craven, chairman of Morgan Grenfell, said that he had not

received any Christmas

presents yet, as he was still awaiting the return of his

family from an African safari.

Craven, who had been sched-

uled to join them on the trip.

was forced to cancel when he

made 450 employees redun-

dant in mid-December. Asked

what gift he would most like,

he replied: "Some peace and

quict." Britain's captains of

industry had a happier time,

even if they were more forget-

ful Most, including Philip Birch, chairman of Ward

White, had to be reminded by

their wives of the presents

they received. Birch, speaking

from Sydney, was given a pair

of antique storm lamps, a

Crystal Gayle tape and a Floyd

on Food cookery book. "I do

The vendor is Farpeak, part of Europa Hotels and Leisure.

which will collect £1.94 milbe asked to waive the rule that insists on a full bid. lion cash, 2.02 million Pavil-

43.1 per cent on full conversion. The Takcover Panel will

years. They put the aircraft's cost at about Fl 55 million (£15.3 million), valuing the order at up to Fl 1.65 billion. Carol's

Christmas

As yon count the cost of Christmas, just be thankful

that you were not sufficiently

romantic to encumber your

loved one with the fabled

small orchard of pear trees

and a motley workforce of 140

lords, ladies, pipers, drum-

mers and milkmaids. For the

City Diary has worked out

For that, however, you would have received not any old pear tree, but pyrus salicifolia

pendula, the weeping willow-leafed pear (£19.35 from Hilliers of Winchester). When

it comes to partridges, Get Stuffed of Islington will stuff them for £69 each. We used

the same taxidermist for the

two turtle doves (£57.50 each)

and four colly (or calling)

birds - or, in this case, blackbirds at £46 each.

French hens come oven-ready

at £4.15 each. Ratner's cheap-

est gold rings are £19.95. Folly

Farms Waterfowl of Bourton-

on-the-Water, Gloucester-

shire, provides domestic geese

for breeding at £60 a pair, and

black or Whooper swans at £130 a pair. Milkmaids attract

ers' Union - £119.83 a week -

while for a private venue the

Union rates. Ladies dancing

attendance allowance. But,

there again, the course of true

that the total cost this year would have been £15,870.34. of definitions of corporate information that must be publicly disclosed under new rules on insider trading aims to seal the cracks in a system that would stun outsiders.

Company directors comsuch deals might be more monly - and icgally - buy rampant in Japan. their own shares ahead of a The share profiteering scansignificant deal and advise their friends of the dal that is unravelling around Recruit Cosmos, an amhitious opportunity.

Japanese property company, The new regulations, which will come into force in April, has angered many Japanese - who are shocked at how easy it will apply to domestic and is to make money on Tokyo foreign companies listed on stocks if you are well pofestive gift of 184 birds, a Japan's stock exchanges, but sitioned - and underlined the

may be about to end, despite a large

automotive trade surplus favouring

The decision, which would be made by

the Ministry of International Trade and

Industry, is not expected to be an-

nounced until February, but reports have

appeared in the Japanese press in the last

two months saying that the ministry is

considering dropping the restraints, which expire on April 1.

The Japanese Automobile Manufac-

turers Association has pressed its call for

an end to the restraints, pointing to a

recovery in US car manufacturing since

"The restraints have outlived their

usefulness," a US-based executive of a

Japanese car manufacturer said. "Who's

kidding whom? The restraints have

An industry economist said: "The

caused consumers to pay higher prices."

Japanese look like they're getting ready

to abolish the restraints. Given what we

see in the strength of the yen, it just

doesn't look like the restraints are

The US government, which is not a

party to the restraint agreement between

Japan.

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Carol Leonard | Japan and its car manufacturers, main-

Japan's regulatory regime. have to be disclosed. Com-

Although Japanese MPs and businessmen are deemed pany executives and others with access to the privleged information would be prohibto have behaved unethically in ited from trading shares based buying cheap stock in Recruit on the information before it Cosmos, they did not act was made public. illegally.

Other data that must be revealed includes mergers or Recruit executives offered bargain unlisted shares in management changes that would affect sales or total Recruit Cosmos to influential politicians, businessmen and assets by more than 10 per hureaucrats. The shares cent and new products or soared when the company was technology estimated to affect later floated but the deal is legal unless it can be proved that Recruit received favours sales by more than 10 per cent over three business years.

The draft also says com-Under the Finance Ministry panies must disclose informadraft, any factor that would tion on changes in capital. affect a company's profits by bankruptcies, delisting, dismore than 30 per cent and solution and share huybacks raise or lower its net assets by to prevent takeovers.

Pressure mounts for end to restraints on shipments to US

in return.

Tokyo may take brake off car exports

Detroit - The voluntary agreements that tains a neutral position on restraints, the have restrained Japanese car exports to Commerce Department said. the United States for the last eight years

blend into one, 24-hour mar-

ket. Insider trading persists in

America and Europe despite "Chinese Walls" and rulebooks. The fear is that

The Japanese government announced a 37.9 per cent increase in the dollar value of its monthly trade surplus with the United States on December 12. This was bolstered by a 16.6 per cent increase in the automotive trade surplus.

The trade figures, however, do not measure the number of Japanese cars imported, which has declined.

Economists say the dollar figure of the trade surplus is higher because of currency fluctuations, higher prices for Japanese cars and the growing volume of automotive merchandise that is not counted in car shipments.

An economist for one of the Big Three manufacturers, who declined to be identified, pointed out that Japanese cars assembled in the United States have an average Japanese content of about 50 per cent, including parts such as engines and transmissions, which are not counted under the voluntary restraints.

Hence, the 720,000 units from socalled transplants means an economic value of about 360,000 additional Japanese imports. Although that adds to the US trade deficit, it is not counted for purposes of the restraints.

The Japanese have also been shipping more expensive models to the United

States. The trend appears to be increas-ing as Toyota and Nissan have joined Honda in adding luxury franchises to their regular lines of cars.

General Motors has said it generally does not support restraints hut prefers the voluntary agreement between the Japanese government and its car makers to other forms of protection. Ford and the United Automobile Workers union want the number of Japanese cars assembled in the United States included in the limits. Chrysler favours keeping restraints at their current level.

Analysts and economists had incorrectly predicted that the restraints would be dropped last year, while Japanese vehicle sales were declining and car exports were running below the permitted level. But now the Japanese industry is in its second year of falling car exports to the United States.

Because of higher Japanese car prices stemming from the fall of the dollar, Japan's nine car makers shipped only 2.14 million of the 2.3 million cars they were allowed to export to the US in the year to last April. The continued relative weakness of the dollar has depressed shipments further this year. From April to October, Japan shipped 1.27 million units, compared with about 1.45 million for the same period last year.

Blot on the landscape The era of the ballpoint pen are tremendous," says Brian seems to be nearing its end. Flax, vice-president of The Trends in both America and Flax Company, a top Chicago Japan indicate that the baby art store. Status-co boom brigade is forsaking the customers are prepared to pay convenience of the ballpoint for the elegance of a fonntain pen's script. And the craze is expected to catch on in Britain pens to make a fashion statesoon. Some 13 million four- ment — like they choose tain pens were sold in the US watches," said another re-this year — 10 per cent more tailer. "Even policemen are

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Vin du paint

schild has unveiled the latest painting which will be used to decorate the labels of her family's Châtcau Mouton Rothschild wine. The painting, of three masks and a moon on a dark background, is hy Haitian artist Bernard Fejourne and will decorate the 1986 vintage. Artists whose works have adorned the famous bottles include Picasso,

cook," he insisted. Gerald Ratner, head of Ratners, the jewellery giant, said his best present was a camera from his daughter Suzy, aged 14. Anything else he would have plated wet shaving set and liked? "Definitely not stand. But perhaps the most iewellery," he said. Similarly, Reg Harrington, chairman of

Baroness Phillippine de Roth-A Miro, Dali and Warhol.

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electrical accessories firm Scholes Group, wanted anything but an electric shaver. A man who clearly has everything, he was given a goldstand. But perhaps the most amusing present of all was given to George Inge, chairman of top peoples estate agent Savills – an umbrella which, when opened, has the

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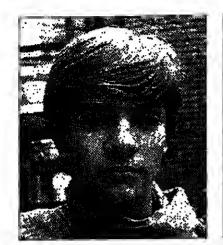
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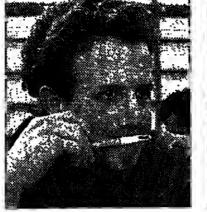
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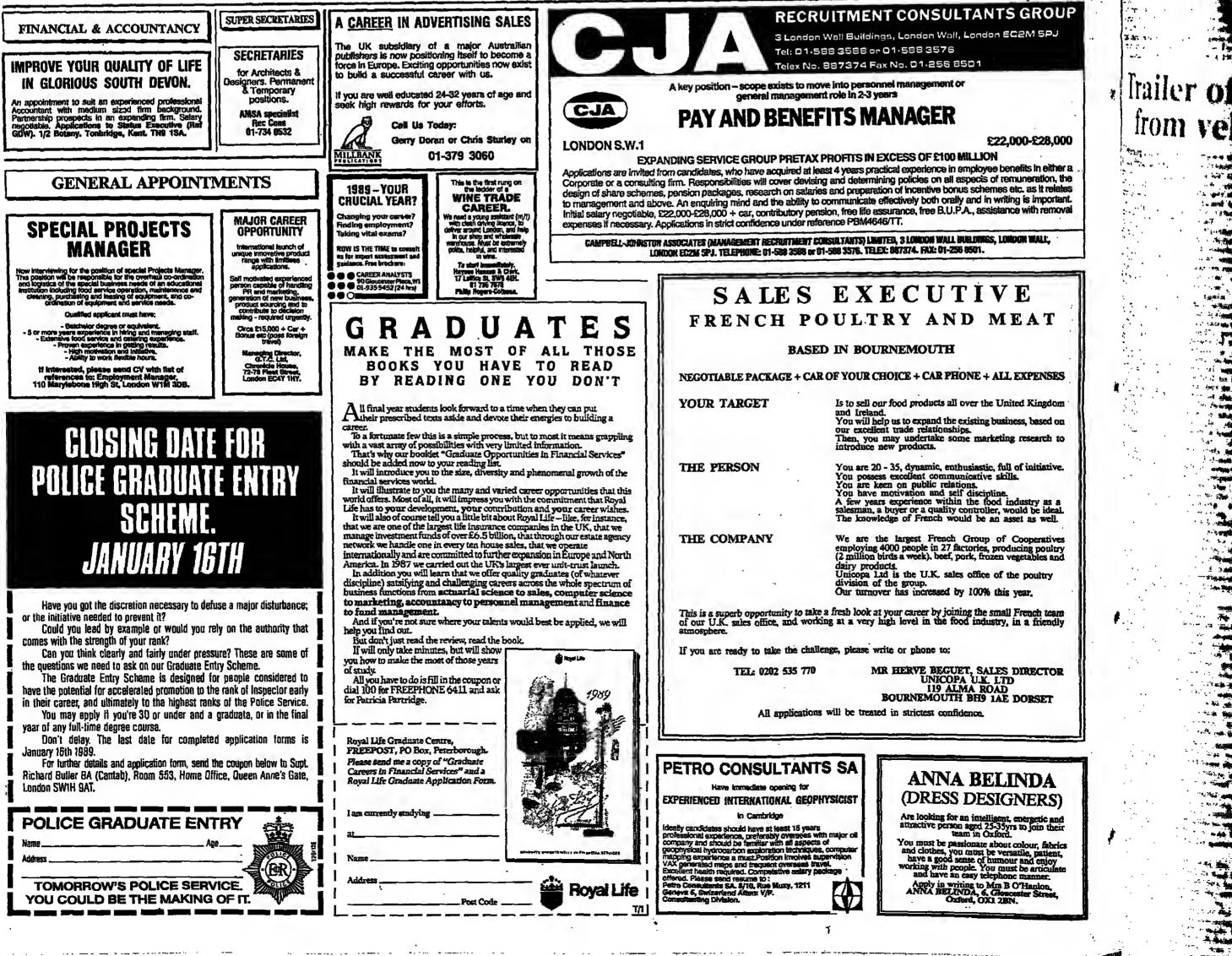
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LAW 27 Court of Appeal

Citizenship by adoption claim fails

Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Brassey and Another Before Lord Justice Mustill and Mr Justice McCowan

(Judgment December 21)

A person born to South African parents in 1947 and adopted by a British mao living abroad in 1953 had no right to claim British citizenship because, at the crucial date of January 1, 1949 when the British National-ity Act 1948 came into form he ity Act 1948 came into force, he did not have a British father.

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so beld in a reserved judgment in refusing to grant judicial review to Martin evern Maxwell Brassey and his wife of the decision of the Bulish Consul in Johaonesburg and/or the the Home Secretary that they were not entitled to British nationality.

Section 12 of the British Nationality Act 1948 provides: "(1) A person who was a British subject immediately be-fore the date of the commencement of this Act shall oo that date become a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies if he possesses any of the following qualifications, that is to say – (a) that he was born within the territories comprised at the commencement of this at the commencement of this Act in the United Kingdom and Colonies, and would have been such a citizen if sectioo four of this Act had been io force at the time of bis birth; (b) that he is a person naturalised io the United Kingdom and Colonies; (c) that he became a British subject by reason of the annexation of any territory included at the territory included at the commencement of this Act in the United Kingdom and

(2) A person who was a Bniish subject immediately be-fore the date of the commencement of this Act shall oo that date become a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies if at the time of his birth his father was a British subject and possessed of the qualifications pecified to the last foregoing subsection.

Mr Ismail Mohammed and Mr William Birtles for the applicants; Mr Robert Jay for the Home Secretary.

LORD JUSTICE MUSTILL said on December 22, 1987 Mr Brassey applied to the British Consulate-General in Johannes-burg for a UK passport, and at the same time his wife applied for registration as a British citizen. By letter dated January 5, 1988 the pro-consul rejected both applications. Consulate-General in Johannes

Mr and Mrs Brassey nov challenged that decision hy their application for judicial review. Since Mrs Brassey's claim for citizenship depended on proof that her husband was already a British citizen Mr Brassey was conveniently treated as the sole applicant.

C. P. C. P. MATSE Mr Brassey was born to Switzerland on February 15, 1947 of parents who were at all material times. South African A STATE AND A STATE OF citizens. On January 1, 1949 the British Nationality Act 1948

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came into force. The applicant's not. "Natural born" would have parents had meanwhile di- been understood as meaning parents had meanwhile di-vorced and later io 1949 his what it said. mother married Mr J. M. Brassey who was a Britisb The statutes which had limiled recognition to legitimation

subject. During 1953 Mr J. M. Brassey adopted the applicant under the Children's Act 1937 of South The question was and adoption spoke forwards, not backwards to the birth. It was necessary to decide whether there was anything in the 1948 Act which could give a different meaning to the father-child relationship which it re-quired to have existed at the time of the hirth. Africa. The question was whether that adoption by a British subject bad the effect of entitling the applicant to the status of British nationality. time of the hirth. In thalight of section 12 of the

The Act said nothing about 1948 Act it was plain that if the infant applicant had applied in adoption. Thus, just as the question whether the child was a 1949 for UK citizenship his claim would have failed. "British subject" before the 1948 Act was to be determined

On the face of it, that was the by reference to the national status of his natural father so also the question whether be gained the new status of of "critizen of the UK and Coloand of the matter. The crucial date was January 1, 1949. On that date the applicant had one father, who did not qualify. The fact that by virtue of his adoption a few years later the applicant gained an adopted father who, so far as parental nies" should be judged accord-ing to the other qualifications of the same father; who was the only father possessed by the child at the time of his birth.

boods were concerned thence-forth stood in a paternal relationship to him, and who qualified at the relevant time That was the conclusion his Lordship formed oo the inter-pretation of the statutes up to and including the 1948 Act. It was not permissible to interpret That analysis seemed at first sight unaswerable. However, Mr Mohammed raised an objection

was not permissible to interpret the Act in the light of what happened afterwards, but if his Lordship had felt any doubt it would have at least been re-assuring to find that as the rights of the adopted child were progressively enlarged it was thought accessively enlarged it was whieb merited serious consideration. His arguments included the His arguments included the following points: it was to South African law which one had to look to ascertain (i) the effect of the adoption under English law, (ii) whether at January 1, 1949 the applicant could be deemed as having, on February 1, 1947, Mr J. M. Brassey as his father aod (iii) giving effect to the law of domicile, English law in 1949 would have been bound to treat the applicant as having been the son of Mr J. M. Brassey from thought necessary in subsequent legislation to forge a nexus between nationality and British adoption which did not exist in 1949.

Thus far his Lordship had been concerned solely with the position of a child adopted pursuant to an adoption order of the English court.

It was submitted, however, that the position was different as regarded a child who had been validly adopted abroad. That son of Mr J. M. Brassey from The statutory development of legislation concerning British citizenship and the status of gave rise to two questions:

First, whether a person adopt-ing under a foreign adoptioo could rank as a father for the purposes of tha 1948 Act. Secadopted children showed a progressive enhancement in the n'ghts of both legitimised and adopted children. ood, whether all the incidents of a foreign adoption, including a retrospective effect, were to be carried into the working of the It was necessary to imagine that process interrupted half way through Stationing oneself at December 31, 1948 and Act?

asking whether a child who had been the subject of an adoption order in favour of a British In Re Goodman's Trust ((1881) 17 Ch D 266) it was subject could thereby claim to be a natural born British subject established that legitimacy was a question of status and that such by descent, the answer had inevitably to be that he could a question was to be decided by the law of the domicile of the

Council officer can delegate task

Fitzpatrick v Secretary of State for the Environment and Another

A local authority was entitled to permit arrangements to be made under which tasks, which by resolution of the authority had been imposed upon its chief officer, could properly be per-formed by one of his subordi-

Where, therefore, a local au-thonty had hy resolution in-structed the district secretary to issue enforcement notices under the Town and Country Planning State for the Environment, Act 1971, such notices prepared dismissing his appeal against

The Court of Appeal (Lord Justice May, Lord Justice Croom-Johnson and Lord Justice Glidewell) so held on December 13, dismissing an appeal by Mr James Fitzpatrick from Mr Justice Roch who on October 8, 1987 had dismissed

his appeal under section 246 of the 1971 Act from an inspector appointed by the Secretary of

by one of his staff, who had endorsed them with the district secretary's facsimile signature, were valid.

Act 1972.

parents at the time of the birth. So in the present case it could be said that however narrowly the 1948 Act had defined a In re Walter L. Jacob and Co Before Lord Justice Fox, Lord Justice Ralpb Gibson and Lord Justice Nicholls father", the adopter of a child under South African law would have been a father for the purposes of the Act; and further-

[Judgment December 21] It was just and equitable to wind more that all the incidents of that status would be attributed to the father for the purposes of seeing whether the child could up a company formerly dealing in securities if, had it still been dealing in securities, it would have been just and equitable to wind it up. The Court of Appeal so held

in a reserved judgment, allowing an appeal by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry from the dismissal hy Mr Justice Harman of the secretary of state's petition for the compulsory winding up of Walter L. Jacoh & Co Ltd, of which the Official Receiver had been appointed provisional liquidator. Mr Philip Heslop, QC and Mr

Terence Mowschensoo for the secretary of state; Mr Roger Kaye for the Official Receiver; and Mr Duncan Mathesoo for the company. LORD JUSTICE

LORD JUSTICE NICHOLLS said that the com-pany was incorporated io 1984. It had an issued and paid up share capital of £5,000, all of which, save one, were registered io the name of Mr Walter Lyall Jacob, a Scottish solicitor, who was the sole director of the

Until April 1987 the company carried on business as a dealer in securities and an investment adviser. It had the requisite authority to deal io securities by virtue of its membership of the self-regulatory organization, Financial Intermediaries, Man-agers and Brokers Regulatory

Association ("Fimbra"), and traded from addresses in London and Edioburgh. Early in January 1987 Fimbra sent to the Department of Trade and Industry copies of corres-

On January 26, 1987 the secretary of state authorized Mr D. R. Brailsford, a senior exam-

icer of the companies investiga-tico branch of the department, inevitably have answered in the to require the company to produce to him its books and Mr Justice McCowan agreed. ipers. Mr Brailsford carried out an

examination, tha upshot of which was that the secretary of state formed the view that it was expedient in the public interest that the company should be wound up.

On April 15, 1987 he pre-sented the petition in the ex-ercise of his power under section 440 of the Companies Act 1985, read with section 124(4) of the Insolvency Act 1986.

On the following day the vacation judge appointed the Official Receiver to be the provisional liquidator and Mr

unsuspecting members of the public who got in touch with the company to response to its advertisements offering attractive terms for the purchase of shares in Trustee Savings Bank or Bniish Gas following those share issues.

Winding up former securities dealer

The company sought to perdifference lay in the nature of suade those investing members of the public, successfully in many instances, to invest the the reasons being put forward by the petitioner for the making of a compulsory winding up order. On petitions presented pursuproceeds of sale of their Trustee Savings Bank or British Gas shares in huying shares in one or ant to section 440 of the Companies Act and section 124(4) of the insolvency Act the other of two American companies of duhious value, by matters being placed before the court by the petitioner as reaputting forward recommenda-tions in a form which was sons why the company should be wound up were rooted in considerations of the public misleading in that it conveyed the impression that the company was giving professional investment advice as distinct interest. When the petition came befrom being a vendor of shares fore the court, the court's task in the so-called public ioterest petitions, as in all other pe-titions under section 122(1)(g), disseminating sales literature.

Further, the company's connection with the American companies were not disclosed, was to carry out the balancing exercise, having regard to all the circumstacces disclosed by the totality of the evidence before nor were investors told that the shares being recommended could not be traded freely. Moreover, the company's finan-cial records had not been adethe court. Accordingly, the judge did not misdirect himself when he pro-ceeded oo the basis that, before quately maintained.

The hearing of the petition took place on July 7, 1987. There was no cross-examination and there were no supporting or making a winding up order, he had to be satisfied that a winding up order was in the public interest. opposing creditors.

Three points in particular npressed the judge. First, by the time the petition came to be heard the company was no longer dealing in securities.

Second, there was no allegation of insolvency.

Third, save for one exception, there was no allegation that any member of the public had not been paid for shares sold by him to the company, or that any member of the public had not been sent the share certificates to which he was entitled.

Given those and other re-spects in which the judge's exercise of his discretion could not stand, it was for their Lordships' court to exercise its The judge expressed the view that the averments io the pe-tition were oot made out by the justify the very serious act of winding up the company compulsorily. own discretion in the light of the circumstances as they existed

The consequence of the dis-missal of the petition by the judge was that the appointment The company's case was that it stopped trading io securities in April 1987 and it had now of the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator and of Mr Hocking as special manager determined. The company rewound down that business, It said that with the exception of a very few special cases, all those

determined. The company re-sumed cootrol of its affairs. Under section 122(1) of the Insolvency Act 1986 the making of a winding up order lay io the discretioo of the judge: "a company may be wound up by the court if...(g) the court is of the opinion that it is just and equitable that the company should be wound up."

Thus, the appellate court was not entitled to set aside the judge's order unless satisfied that the judge misdirected himself upoo the law or the evidence or that his decisioo was so plainly wrong that he must have exercised his discretion wrongly. In considering whether or not

Mr Justice Anthony Lincolm, sitting as additional judge of the Queen's Bench Division, so held to make a winding up order under section 122(1)(g) the court had to regard all the circumstances of the case as established by the material at on November 26 in dismissing the mother's application for judicial review of the decision of the London Borough of Harrow

the hearing and carry out a balancing exercise, giving such weight to the various factors as mended had received their share certificates, and those who sold shares had had their debis was appropriate in the particular discharged.

It submitted that a winding up In principle the the exercise to order would be prejudicial rather than helpful to clients of be carried out where the petitione was the secretary of state was the same. The only the company, because if an order were made the winding up would be deemed to commence on April 15, 1987, when the petition was presented, with the consequence that the payments made by the company to clients since then would be void unless the court ordered otherwise.

His Lordship was un-persuaded by that line of argu-ment. For many years Parliament had recognized the need for the general public to be protected against the activities of unscrupulous persons who dealt io securities.

The public interest required that individuals and companies who dealt in securities should maintain at least the generally accepted minimum standards of commercial behaviour, and that those who fell below those standards should have their activities stopped.

There was no doubt that the method by which the company sought to persuade investing members of the public to purchase shares was unacceptable.

His Lordship would have had no doubt, if the company had still been dealing in securities, In certain other material re-spects, however, his Lordship differed from the judge in his approach to the case. that it was just and equitable that it should be wound up. The fact that the company ceased to carry on that husiness immediately before the petition First, it was not right to take such a lenient view of the conduct of the company of which complaint was made. was presented did oot make a crucial difference. Second, although the com-

By winding up the company the enurt would be expressing, in a meaningful way, its dis-approval of the company's coo-duct. In addition 10 being a fitting outcome for the company itself, such a course had the further benefit of spelling out to others that the court would not hesitate to wind up companies whose standards of dealing with the investiog public unacceptable.

It was just and equitable that the company should be wound up compulsorily and should be so ordered.

Lord Justice Ralph Gibson and Lord Justice Fox agreed. Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor; Booth & Blackwell; Russell Jones & Walker,

who bought the shares it recom-**Case conference ban**

on mother not unfair Regina v Harrow London Borto place her three children oo child abuse register.

ough Council, Ex parte D HIS LORDSHIP said that the The refusal by a council social mother had asked through her solicitor if she could attend the services department to allow a mother to attend a case con-ference coocerning ber three children was not unfair, un-reasonable or cootrary to the case conference but was refused and told that she could make written submissions which she rules of natural justice.

Guidelines had been issued by the former Department of Social Security as to the composition of a case conference. Parents were notably absent from the categories of persons to be invited to attend.

No liability even if statutory advice is wrong Trailer offence distinct

Mills and Others v Win- sioners had given an erroneous certain land and premises were powered the Commissioners to would be proper parties would ter Diocesan B



Solicitors: Birkbeck Monta-gu's: Treasury Solicitor.

two enforcement notices issued

negative.

by Epping Forest District Coun-cil. LORD JUSTICE GLIDE-WELL said that the use of

facsimile signatures was ex-pressly permitted hy sectioo 234(2) of the Local Government

The ratio of Provident Mutual Life Assurance Association v Derby City Council ([1981] 1 WLR 173) was exactly applicable. The notices had been properly issued on behalf of the district secretary and were valid.

Finance and Others

Before Mr Justice Knox

Judgment December 81

No action for damages could be brought by a potential object of

a charity against the Charity Commissioners for advice given

in the exercise of their statutory

functions under section 24 of

the Charities Act 1960 even if

that advice was wrong, giveo negligently and caused loss to

the potential objects. Mr Justice Knox so held in

dismissing appeals from an order of Master Barratt who

struck out the Charity Commis-sioners as second defendants to

two actions brought by four plaintiffs: Rosamond Mary

the Chancery Division

child's hirth. However, his Lordship did oot consider Re Goodman went that far. His Lordship would thus hold that the 1948 Act did not enable an applicant to claim citizenship by descent through adoption. However, there reamined the

obtain citizenship by descent, including the relation back of the fatherhood to the tima of the

problem of "relation back" which bore on the elaim in two ways: (i) If the adoption did

relate back to the birth, the adopter could never have had the status of father as at that date, and (ii) an adoption sub-sequent to December 31, 1948 could not on the face of it have had any impact on the familial position of the child on that The first objection was only

another way of explaining why the 1948 Act could not have been meant to deal with adopted children.

So far as the second question was concerned, if the applicant was right, it would be necessary to hold that an act subsequent to the relevant date could retrospectively alter the answer which would have been in-evitable, if the question had been asked on the relevant date.

A court asked ot declare on

January 1, 1949 whether the applicant was a citizen would

company.

On December 31, 1948 there were no facts which established any relationship between Mr Brassey and the applicant. There was nothing in the 1948 Act which could possibly be read as holding the applicant's

pondeoce passiog between Fimbra, members of the public and the company relating to complaints about the conduct of nationality in suspense until it was known whether he was adopted by Mr Brassey, or someone else, or nobody. the company.

from vehicle charge

when attached to each other;

and, importantly, it did not deem the motor vehicle to include the trailer which it was

drawing aod substactially

supporting. His Lordship would not, how-ever, accept the defence sub-mission to the effect that the

provision, in section 40(5)(b), for an offence in relation to the use of a trailer, was limited to

circumstances where the trailer was detached from a motor

venicie. That was because first, because the definition of a trailer in section 190(1) as "a vehicle drawn by a motor vehicle" suggested the contrary;

venicle suggested the contrary; second, on present authority, only the driver (and/or his employer, when the vehicle was being driven on the employer's business) "uses" a motor vehicle

That was the mischief which

the justices had been anxious to

meet: but they had wrongly tried

had been defective; and if the

trailer left on a road.

vehicle".

NFC Forwarding Ltd v Director of Public Prosecutions Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Auld

[Judgment December 20] The offence of using oo a road a defective trailer was an offence distinct from that of so using a defective motor vehicle; but the owner of a defective trailer who where the second s simply provided one for a third party to tow - so that neither he nor any servant of his could be said to be "driving" the trailer --might be convicted of so using

The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held, in allowing an appeal by way of case stated by NFC Forwarding Ltd against its conviction by the Warrington Justices, on February 4, 1988, of using on a road a motor vehicle part of which was in in such a condition that it was likely to cause danger, contrary to regulation 100(1) of the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations (SI 1986 No 1078) and section 40(5)(b) of the Road Traffic Act

Mr Richard Mandel for NFC. Forwarding: Mr Robin Spencer for the prosecutor.

MR JUSTICE AULD said that on May 28, 1987 the defendant's trailer was being drawn by a tractor unit, owned by Gorry and Sons and driven by their employee, when the outer wheel on the front axle of the trailer fell away. It was found that six of the 10

holes, through which bolts passed to secure the wheel, had become so worn that the bolts were able to pass right through the holes with the outs still attached. The trailer was thus clearly defective within the meaning of regulation 100(1).

The justices had given as their reason for convicting the defen dant that the motor vehicle (consisting of a drawing vehicle with a trailer attached to it by partial superimposition, thereby creating one vehicle), as a whole was used by the defendant in connection with its business.

The trailer part of that motor vehicle was owned by it, loaded by it, and maintained hy it. To say that the whole vehicle nol used by it meant that it simply had to ensure that all its s were drawn by tractor trail units belonging to someone else, so that it would not be responsible for the condition of its trailers when used on the road. Attention had to be drawn to the fact that the 1972 Act and the 1986 Regulations created quite separate offences of using. to do so by attributing to the defendant, by virtue of its ownership of the trailer, the use on a road, a defective motor vehicle and a defective trailer. So far as material, section 40 of the Act provided: "(5) ... 2 of the whole articulated vehicle. It was simply the trailer that person ... who uses on a road a motor vehicle or trailer which does not comply with any [of the defendant was "using" any-thing, it was the trailer. The prosecutor had oot charged it regulations] or causes or permits a vehicle to be so used, shall be guilty of an offence".

with that, so it was not strictly necessary for the court to rule on Regulation 100 provided: "(1) A motor vehicle, every trailer

whether, if so charged, it would drawn thereby and all parts and accessories of such vehicle and on the facts have committed trailer shall at all times be in such condition ... that no that offence.

However, his Lordship would danger is caused or is likely to be add that whether or not the word "uses" in relation to a motor vehicle should coorioue caused to any person in or on the vehicle or trailer or on a road. ...". Further, section 190(1) of the to be limited, as mentioned above and in the many authori-ties which had been cited, there Act defined a motor vehicla as "a mechanically propelled vewas no basis on authority or in hicle intended or adapted for use on roads" and a trailer as "a logic for applying such a limited meaning to the offence of "us-ing" a defective trailer under vehicle drawn by a motor section 40(5)(b).

Again, section 190(9) of the Had the defendant been here Act, which was cooccrned with the definition of a motor vehicle charged with the use of a defective trailer, his Lordship "constructed itself to carry a load", provided "for the pur-poses of this section, in a case where a motor vehicle is so would not have felt constrained hy those authorities in determining that charge.

plaintiffs: Rosamond Mary Mills, Derek Russell deCourcy Trasenster, Anita Lucie Fidelinc constructed that a trailer may by partial superimposition be at-tached to the vehicle in such a The appeal would be allowed, Taylor and Barry Lawson Bays, as inhabitants of the parish of and the case remitted to the justices with a direction to Upton Grey, Hampshire. The writ and statement of

manner as to cause a substantial Lord Justice Watkins agreed. part of the weight of the trailer Solicitors: Aaron & Partners, Chester, CPS, Cheshire. to be borne by the vchicle, that vehicle shall be deemed to be a vehicle itself constructed to carry a load." That "deeming" provision was only necessary because the two did not become one vehicle

Unincorporated body cannot lay criminal information

elaim in the fust action sought a

declaration that the commis-

Rubin v Director of Pablic him £90, disqualified him for driving for 30 days, and ordered his licence to be endorsed. Prosecutions

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Potter [Judgment December 13] An unincorporated body of persons could not lay ao information which charged a criminal offence.

Although it was an essential requirement of such an informa-tioo that it should reveal the identity of the person who was the ioformant, a prosecutioo initiated by the police could proceed upoo an information which masked such identity. ber of his force. provided that the accused knew the informant to have been a member of a particular force, had been able readily to as-certain his identity and had accordingly suffered no injus-

wheo it was on the road: so there could then be no "user" of a stationary and unattached tice. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so held in a reserved judgment dismissing Clearly some different and broader test would have to be applied than that so far accepted by the court is plate to the that body. reserved judgment dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Howard Jeffrey Rubin, against his conviction by the Maidenhead Justices on a by the courts in relation to the "use on a road" of a vehicle. If a trailer owner was responcharge of driving a motor ve-hicle at a speed exceeding 70 sible for putting it on a road in a defective condition, he should not be able to escape liability for mph, as a result of an info tion purporting to be laid by "Thames Valley Police". it when it was being drawn, by relying on someone else to draw

Mr R. Alup Jones for Mr Rubin; Mr Rhodri Price Lewis for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS said that before the justices the said that before the justices fully submitting that the information was invalid because it did not disclose the identity of the informant, had pleaded guilty. any other view.

The justices, who had correcily held that the words "police" and "constabulary" were interchangeable, had fined other member of it authorized by him. As to the second alternative, counsel had submitted that it

That he had suffered any kind was contrary to authority and of injustice was unworthy of serious consideratioo - a simple convention that a prosecutioo could be started anooymously: a suspect was entitled to know inquiry would have led to the identification of the officer who who his accuser was, as he might wish to address an immediate had caught him speeding. The single legal issue for inquiry to him,

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the Attorney General.

whether an While that proposition could not be denied, in this case there could have been no room for doubt in anyone's miod that the accuser was "a constable in the Thames Valley Force", from whom his identity could easily There were only two realistic be ascertained.

alternatives as to the identity of the informant who had, to this His Lordship could not accept that the failure of this informa-tion (due possibly to the use of computers for laying informa-tions) to conform with the particular information, pur-ported to be "Thames Valley Police": (a) the body of contables known as the "Thames essential requirement of reveal-ing the identity of the informant Valley Constabulary", or (b) some unknown constable within necessarily created an informa-tion that could not lawfully As to alternative (a), counsel's

proceeded upon. arguments had persuaded his Lordship that Parliament could not have intended the extended in short, where an erroneous title had, in an information, finition of "person" in Schedule 1 to the Interpretation Act 1978 (" 'Person' includes a body information invalid of persons corporate or unincorporated") to apply to the laying

of ioformations. The terms of rule 4(1) of the matter what sophisticated aids Magistrates Courts Rules (SI 1981 No 552) "An information may be laid ... by the pros-ecutor in person or by his counsel or solicitor of other person authorized on his behalf") militated strongly against a named person. It followed that every police-

initiated prosecution had to be begun by an information laid either by the chief constable of the relevant force or by some Valley.

charity trustees of a local school Diocesan Board in 1942, to the effect that proposals for a nursery were not within the powers of the trust and that the trusts had failed. The second namely that they were to be used by the vicar for the time being of pton Grey for all or any of the following purposes: "as a school or schools for the

action claimed damages for education of children and adults The first and third defendants or childreo only of the labouring manufacturing and other poorer in both actions were respec-tively the Winchester Diocesan elasses to the parish of Upton Grey... or ... as a class room meeting room or lecture room Board of Finance and the Attor-Mrs Mills and Mr Trasenster for confirmation or for other in person; Mr Peter Crampin for religious instruction or for secuthe Charity Commissioners and lar instruction."

In 1986 the local authority proposed to cease to maintain MR JUSTICE KNOX said the school. The inhabitants submitted objections which that in considering whether the master's decision to strike out the Charity Commissioners as were overruled by the Depart-ment of Education.

parties was correct the court The plaintiffs, with the supwould assume, without decid-ing, that the allegations of fact in the statements of claim were port of many residents of Upton Grey, put forward proposals for the premises to be used as a school for under-fives. The Dicorrect and that the plaintiffs were potential objects of the ocesan Board were sympathetic, but the Charity Commissioners, In the first action it was after a lapse of three mooths, rejected the proposals, saying they were not within the powers of the trust. alleged the terms on which

The plaintiffs were taking these proceedings to good faith at their own expense for the benefit of the locality, and the proceedings were said to be charitable proceedings under section 28(8) of the Charities Act 1980.

It was contended that the commissioners had unreason-ably frustrated the inhabitants' proposals, that their opinion and advice were erroneous and had led to litigation the costs of which should be borne by them. The second actioo alleged negligence io giving the erro-nous opinion and elaimed damages.

damages. Neither action suggested that the commissioners had acted malo fide or for improper

motive. In October 1988, Master Barrati ordered that the Charity Commissioners cease to be parties: the plaintiffs appealed. The first two plaintiffs, who

relied for legal argument on notes on the law prepared by a person not unfamiliar with the law since those notes were punctuated by quotations from reported cases, some old, some not so old, and with references

been given to a persoo who had to the statutes. a right to prosecute, that error did not necessarily render that His Lordship would therefore dismiss the appeal: but in so doing would advise that, no

io his clients' favour. But the fact remained that bis might be used for laying informations, care should in Lordship had not had legal argument on both sides, which future be taken to ensure that madern technology was not was important because a quesallowed to cause departure from tion of considerable public imwhat was customary police prac-tice - to lay each information by portance was involved.

Mr Justice Potter agreed. Solicitors: Sheridans: Crown osecution Service, Thames

property, turned to section 24 which he said was central to the case. It provided: "(1) The

pany, when buying or selling shares, always acted as a pnn-

cipal, it was not correct that the

evidence showed that the com-pany held itself out to the public

to that way.

Commissioners may on the written application of any charity trustee give him their opin-ion or advice on any matter affecting the performance of his duties as such". Subsection (2) provided that

chanty trustees acting in accordance with such opinion or advice "shall be deemed ... to have acted io accordance with his trust, unless, when he does so, cither - (a) he knows or has reasonable cause to suspect that he opinion or advice was given in ignorance of material facts; or (b) the decisioo of the court has been obtained on the matter or proceedings pending to obtain

The immunity was clearly conferred on the charity trust ees: not on the commissioners themselves. The plaintiffs submitted that

collected. an implication could be drawn from that fact that the commissioners were liable for advice given negligently. It would also be observed that the sectioo contemplated that

the issue io question might be referred to the court for decisioo and that as soon as proceedings were pending for that to be done the immunity of the trustees ccased. The section did not say so bot

it was clear that trustees acting io accordance with the court's decision would equally be pro-tected against liability for so

"Charity proceedings" could be taken either by the charity, by the charity trustees, by any person interested io the charity, by any two or more inhabitants of the area, if it was a local chan'ty, but oot by any other person.

Leave was required from the commissioners or from a judge of the Chancery Division but there was no question of the Charity Commissioners being "above the law" because an appeal lay against a refusal by the commissioners.

appeared in person, said they had no legal qualifications. They As defined in section 28(8) charity proceedings did not include proceedings to resolve a bona fide dispute as to whether a charitable trust had been de-clare: see In re Belling (Deed) ([1967] Ch 425) and Hauxwell v Barton-upon-Humber Urban His Lordship had all the District Council ([1974] Ch assistance which a judge ex-pected from a member of the

A fortlori they would not include an action claiming dam-ages for negligent advice causing Bar, Mr Crampin, who drew the court's attention to all the relevant material of which he was aware whether or not it was On the other hand they would

comprise proceedings to chall-enge the accuracy of the Charity Commissioners' opinion or advice on any matter affecting the performance of a charity trust-ce's duty under section 24(1). Machinery was therefore avail-His Lordship referred to the functions and powers of the able to any persoo having the necessary locus standi to chall-

Charity Commissioners, a body set up in 1853, and after referring to sectioo 23 of the Charities Act 1960, which cmenge the validity of the advice given. On questions of constructioo to hold that the commissioners

practice and and would merely increase the costs without any corresponding benefit to the

11 was conally clear that it was only proper to join a party as defendant if the plaiotiff sought to assert a legal right against that defendant but there was no right to costs save as an adjunct to the resolution of the proceedings in question.

As to the claim for damages the legal notes relied on by the the legal notes relied on by the plaintiffs referred to *Henly v Lyme Corporation* ((1828) 5 Bing 91, 108). The decision of Chief Justice Best in that case was put on very broad grounds, and was not of much assistance. The liability of public authori-tics had been authoritatively tics had been authoritatively considered in Ministry of Hous-ing v Sharp ([1970] 2 KB 223, 266) and Jones v Department of Employment ([1988] 2 WLR 493), wherein the modern authorities mere conveniently authorities were conveniently

The fourth holding in that case showed that the duty lay in the field of public law and any breach gave rise to remedy by way of judicial review, and therefore it was not reasonable to hold the official in question to under a duty of care at common

law. In his Lordship's judgment the plaiotiff's argument did not succeed even on the basis of the two-stage test derived from the speech of Lord Wilberforce io Anns v Merton London Borough

Council ([1978] AC 728). His Lordship douhted whether there was sufficient proximity between a potential object of a charity and the Charity Commissioners to sat-isfy the first stage, but whether or not that was so, there were considerations which negatived the existence of such a duty of

First, the statutory scheme of the Chan ties Act 1960 afforded an effective right of appeal against the substance of the matter, and matter, and aggrieved persons with locus standi were ont deprived of a remedy. Second, the concurrent ex-

ercise of rights in negligence at common law and nghts of appeal in charity proceedings could only multiply costs to the detriment of the charity concerned.

Third, it would be contrary to the general good of charities for the commissioners' decisions cot only to be subject to proper appeal, but also to attack by so wide a class of persons as notential objects of charity.

Finally there was oo authority whatever which had been cited for such an action in all the history of the Charity Commissioners since 1853, which was, of course, not cooclusive io itself since the categories of relationships capable of giving rise to a duty of care were not closed. Hedley Byrne v Heller ([1964] AC 465) was plainly ishable.

The appeals would therefore Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor.

decision was, whether ioformation must inevitably laid by a named person, such as (io the case of a police prosecu-tion) the chief constable himself or some other authorized mem-

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THE TIMES THURSDAY DECEMBER 29 1988

CRICKET: WEST INDIES ESTABLISH AN UNASSAILABLE LEAD AS RICHARDSON SCORES HIS SEVENTH TEST HUNDRED

A wave of despair for Australia

From John Woodcock, Melbourne

Australian mothers and sons was especially so when Border are great carriers of their started off with Hughes and national flag, hul it was a long time yesterday before they had much reason to wave it. Although West Indies had to make do without Greenidge and Logie until late in the day. they had no great difficulty extending their second innings in the third Test match from 69 for one to 361 for nine. With a day to go they are, therefore. 399 runs ahead, already an unassailable lead.

It is unthinkable that Richards will bat on today, yet he did so in Perth, when in a similar position, and he made a point of not declaring at the close of play last night even though, by doing so, his wish to have the bowlers' footholds repaired would have had to be

As it was Border, as captain of the fielding side, insisted that they should be left as they were, and not even Richards and the West Indian manager, Clive Lloyd, could persuade either the umpires or the curator that this was un-reasonable. A stage bas been reached in the series when neither side is prepared to make the slightest concession. It had been a friendlier. sunnier day for batting than the previous two, but that was but a small part of the reason why there were now strokes where the day before there had been none. It was not as though Australia were averse to bowling short. When they got down to Ambrose and Walsh late in the day, they did their level best to put them on the floor. But two Australian fast bowlers carry not the height, nor the weight, nor the pace, nor the relentless menace of four West Indians.

In a sense the match marked time, waiting for today. Despite Logie's broken nose and Greenidge's bruised eye, suf-fered while batting on Tues-day evening, West Indies were never in any danger of being bowled out for fewer runs than would have suited them. This enough, though, and by the wanted to do.

McDermott, although Alder-man was always likely to be comfortably. his most testing bowler.

Hughes was, in fact, in his seventh over of the day when he conceded his first run. But McDermott was soon giving Richardson the chance to air his favourite leg-side strokes. Richardson was to complete his seventh Test hundred, and his fourth against Australia. virtually unbothered by spin - and spin is his Achilles' heel. Of the bowlers to have got him out in Test crickel,

Emburey heads the list with WEST INDIES: First Innings 280 (T M Alderman 4 for 68). Second Innings

Greenidge not out Haynes Ibw b Alderman Richardson c and b Waugh

Horper Ibw b Alderman...... J L Dujon c Wood b Alderman..... A Richards Ibw b Waugh D Marshart c Alderman b Waugh L Ambrose c Marsh b McDermott E L Amorose c Marsh b Waugh A Waish c Marsh b Waugh Loge c Border b Waugh P Patierson not out Extras (to 1, nb 16)

204, 5-511, 5-241, 7-244, 5-534, BOWLING: Hughes 24-6-71-0 (2 nb); Akterman 36-12-78-3; Waugh 24-5-92-5 (4 nb); McDermon 26-3-76-1 (10 nb); Border 1-1-0-0, Taylor 9-1-41-0. AUSTRALIA: First Innings 242 (B P Patterson 4 for 49, C E L Ambrose 4 for Umpires: A R Craiter and P J McConnell.

seven dismissals, followed by Qadir with five. But all Richardson faced yesterday at anything less than medium pace was an over or two from Taylor, being used only as a ston-gan stop-gap. Hooper is a curious player ---

very gifted, yet seemingly quite happy for the bowlers to could get husy with their flags dictate to him. Coming in in place of Greenidge, who had been not out overnight, he had scored only four in 50 minutes by Alderman, away to his left. when Alderman had him leg-before. Dujon came nexa, Richards holding himself back against any sort of West of Richards's caution when it Indian collapse. It must be comes to declaring and the mercifully rare for someone to slowness of the over rate made bat, as Dujon did now, having sure that Australia would not just heard of the murder of his first wife. He played well

time he hit Alderman to midon, after adding 99 with Richardson, West Indies were 238 ahead and coasting

If Australia needed reminding of the fight they will have on their hands today, never long past without their receiving it: such as when Alderman, even at his pace, got a ball to rise steeply enough to deliver Richardson a painful blow on the elbow. Richardson was 83 at the time and it took him another hour and a quarter to reach his 100. Without exactly struggling,

Richards was certainly not at ease for quite a while. Off successive balls, when he was

eight, he was nearly out to McDermott, spooning the second of them gently into the off side, where it somehow fell in no man's land. McDermott's reward for this was to be taken off, forthwith. He never bowled another ball to Richards. But to look at Border was to see a picture of adversity.

So Richards broke away, scoring 61 in 70 balls and becoming, on the way, West Indies' second highest scorer in Test cricket. Only Sobers (8,032) is ahead of him now. Yesterday he passed Lloyd (7,515). Sobers played 93 Test matches; this is Richards's

102nd. At any time Richards's wicket is a feather in the bowler's cap. Waugh collected it yestenday, the first of five he took to make up for all the bad luck he had in Perth.

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The mums and their boys once Richards was gone. West Ambrose was hoist by his own petard, caught booking a bouncer, and the combination bat last night. That, at any rate, was the last thing they

W. Stock & Co Ltd. 13 Winchester Road,

From Mrs E. E. Ericsson

Highams Park, E4.



Case for special treatment Swedes' spirit

From Dr C. P. Crosby Sir. Once again, a winter weekdepartments, may end up with chronic disabilities, and never

shines through sited no fewer than 16 incidents (including, tragically, a young scrum half with a broken neck), and while most of the players with a broken neck), and while most of the players From Mr Bunny Austin Sir, 1 read with pleasure (December 19) that after the Swedish defeat in the Davis Cup, "Stefan Edberg and Anders Jarryd and their captain, Hans Olsson, came to the interview room on Saturday and you would never have known whether they had you or left." and while most of the players gifted enough to be performing at these levels will probably have access to swift and expert ether they had won or lost attention and, one trusts, an and sports medicine, based at Your correspondent seemed to feel there must be something early return to their sport, there will have been hundreds of teaching bospitals, sponsored where possible by pharmaceuulacking in the Swedish spirit. But is it not the very spirit we injured sportsmen and women playing in the lower grades cal sportswear and professional sports associations, to provide need to commend? Is not this whose injuries will never be properly assessed, treated or training for doctors and physio-therapists in the field, and to act the living expression of the famous lines from Rudyard as centres of excellence for referrals, specialized treatments, rchabilitated. They will, if they are lucky enough to have a less severe or research etc. It is already painfully obvious that central funding is in-sufficient to meet the buge demand for sports injury treatpainful problem, merely take a few weeks off their sport, lose their fitness and team place, only to return without advice and instruction on injury prevention and do it all over again. The less fortunate, with more severe injuries bave to endure the indifference of over-worked GPs and casualty offiment. At the same time we are being recommended to take up sport and regular exercise for recreation and health and to reduce the enormous burden of beart disease, stroke, high blood cers, usually without any training whatsoever in sports pressure etc on the NHS. Perhaps these new departments would go some way towards rectifying this position, and providing the sort of service that medicine and often harbouring the outrageous belief that such injuries are self-inflicted and thereby somehow trivialized our sportsmen and women both need and deserve. Yours faithfully, C. P. CROSBY, The Garden Hospital, (the smoking-related bronchitis or the alcobol-related road traffic accident do not apparently come into this category). They will receive little or no pbysio-therapy from under-funded 46-50 Sunny Gardens Road, NW4.

who are injured in sport. I believe we must establish several departments of exercise

1.45 (2m 4t ch) 1, RANDONLY (M Meagher, 16-1); 2, Brother Gooltrey (D

Maid Of Money springs surprise at Leopardstown

From Our Irish Racing Correspondent, Dublin

And Of Money sprang a 12-1 surprise in the £30.000 Black and White Whisky Champion Cbase at Leopardstown yesterday. Making the most of some favourite Weather The Storm favourite Weather The Storm

yesterday. Making the most of some poor jumping by odds-on favourite Weather The Storm and market rival Wolf Of Badenoch's lack of stamina, Maid Of Money outstayed her opponents to win by five

Maid Of Money was the sole representative of this scason's crop of novice chasers and she won in impressive fashion. Going down the back straight,

close-run thing. Also on the programme is the final leg of the Sport of Kings Challenge, sponsored here by the Smurfit Corporation. His-tory will be made with the American jumpers. Double Bill and lifed Like A Snake, compet-ing for the first time in Ireland. However, they are both held by Dom Edino on the form of the Cheltenham challenge leg where Maurice Avison's five-year-old finished third to Abbreviation and Mole Board, beaten two necks. Going down the back straight, the writing was already on the wall for those who had laid the odds on last year's winner Weather The Storm. At three consecutive fences he lost ground to the free-jumping front-runner Wolf Of Badenoch and ha mas already under DESand be was already under pres-sure and looking beaten when could only finish a distant minh. Looking ahead to The Ladbroke at Leopardstown on January 14, The Illiad, who was the subject of heavy ante-post support on Tuesday, has been eased from 16-t to 25-t by the sponsors following his dissure and nothing teach while making a hash of the second last fence, giving Tom Taaffe no chance of staying in the saddle. This left Wolf Of Badenoch with what appeared to be an unassailable lead. However, his lack of staming eventually

with what appendix to be were the unassailable lead. However, his lack of stamina eventually began to tell after landing on the flat and he was run out of it by the staying-on Maid Of Money. As with Tuesday's big chase winner Have A Barney, this was a case of victory going to a marvellously consistent performer. She has never yet been out of the first four on the Flat, over burdles or over fences. At Leopardstown this afternoon the Sean Graham Memorial Hurdle should shed some light on the trish challenge for the Waterford Crystal of their valuable companion Cor-poral Clinger on the 10-1 mark, from 14-1, after support yes-terday. Chesham Squire, trained by David Elsworth, is the spon-sors' other joint second forceute

Windsor hurdle entries Eleven horses have been entered Chief will only ron if there is

theren norses have been entered at the five-day stage for the New Year's Day Hardle at Windsor on Monday, including Celtic Shot, who won the race last year before landing the Champion

Celtic Chief, third at Cheltenlikely runners. ham in March, is also in the line-up, as is Calapacz, a length second to Mercy Rimell's charge at Ascot last time out. Mrs Rimell has stated that Celtic

Results from three meetings

Newcastle

Calog: soft 1245 (2m 4f hole) 1, SOLICTOR'S CHOTCE (T Reed, 7-2); 2, This Nettle Danger (M Dwyer, 5-2 fav); 3, Sumahrown (L, Wyer, 12-1), ALSO FAN: 7 Roy's Drawn (6th), 9 Master Mayo (5th), 10 Pinamanin, Divine Problem (4th), Decem Man (withdrawn under starters orders), 20 Stosted, Royal Scarist, 25 Across The Lake, 35 Potor Dolta, Magle Echo, 65 Another Signal (pu), Bay Bridge, Cracy Trade, 15 ran. 8, nt, rtx, %L 4L H Whartion et Middleham. Tote: £330; £1-90, £1-80, £370, DP: £8.90, CSF; £12.88.

E12.88. 1.15 (3m ch) 1, ABDICATOR (T Read, 14-1); 2, Andrew (D Nolen, 7-1); 3, Rehwar's Led (B Storry, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 4-5 fer Miss Chub Royal (M, 1)-2 Black Spur (M, 25 Rearthey Bank (4th), 33 Coney Bey (G, Kelly Nicole (D, 100 Allcazam) Stit, Ass.-Path (B, 10 ran, rat, 7, dist, not recorded. K Other at Hewlet, Totle; 57.80; E1.80, E1.60, E1.40, DF: E34.80, CSF: 598.87. at Lambourn. Tota; E4.20; £2.1(23.40. DF; E67.20, CSF: E46.32, E527.52

ES27.52. 1.30 (2nt holio) 1, INOPAL: ACHINETE (M Bowdry, 15-2); 2, Shaphens Perl (P Dever, 20-1); 3, Harbour Walk (Mr M Armytage, 20-1); ALSO RAN: 10-11 far The Mikroy (rp), 11-2 Fakrileids Cone (4th), 6 Moore Syliah, 16 Close Escape (5th), Sevens Out, 20 Farely At Octs, 35 Doollin, Dress Up, Just Aguitad (5th), 50 Film Consultant (and Shap Provension) (5 Shap Provension)

Spartan, 25 House Human, 33 Acre Hill, Soldier Ant (pu), 50 Deblins' Double, Deep Surprise, Flexible Friend (4th), Goldfields (pu), Home Jeste (pu), and The Red, Time Module, Tratager Buor (pu), Velos (pu), Vestris (pu), Ranee's Song, 23 ran, 74, 34, 31, 51, 51 Christian at Lambourn, Tota: E2,10; E1,50, E2,30, E5,40, DF; 29,50, CSF: E10,17. CSF: E10.17. LB (3m 1/ ch) 1, GOOD WATERS (Mr G Upton, 3-1 tary): 2, Vipaania (B Powel, 16-1): 3, Numeania (L Lawrence, 14-1), ALSO FAN: 4 letworth (7), 11-2 Lower BM (20, 8 Master Of Lyric, 9 Wont Be Gona Long (Sith), 14. Sportsnews (Bith, 20 Green Ridge (bd), 25 Coal Green (20, 25 Green Ridge (bd), 25 Coal Green (20, 25 Green Tinker (pu), Tatooma (4th), Pathy Buck (pu), 5 Tern Ric Ric, 41, 81, 5 Christian at Lambourn, Toter, E4.20; 52, 10, 53,60, 54 dD DF: 58720 (25) E46.35, Trisaet

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vagador, mbeaten hast term and winner of the Waterford Crystal Sopreme Novices' Hur-dle, and Mole Board, successful five times last season, are other Likely runners. The entries are: Calapaez, Cettic Chief, Cettic Shot. Kadir, Mole Board, Nebris, Persian Style, Sonth Parade, Vagador, Wishlon, Yoang Sangfit.

beaten two necks. Double Bill was fourth but beaten when unscaning his rider at the last while his computiot: could only finish a distant ninth.

sponsors following his dis-appointing run behind Garamyein in yesterday's Balincies Extended Handicap

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Sir. As charman of one of the largest bookmaking firms out-side the multiples, may I com-"ment on Mr Tom Kelly's article (December 22) on the "why" and the "what" of the betting levy and your leading article (December 17). The lauer stated jutat the bulk of profit from betting in this country is rethis country tained by bookmakers. That is totally untrue.

The approximate gross profit margin on betting turnover is 20 per cent, with 17 per cent being taken up by operating costs, betting duty, levy and VAT. leaving a pre-tax profit of 3 per-cent at best. With betting duty at -8 per cent it is obvious that the greater part of the profit margin cors direct to the Exchequer. In fact, if one takes into account not turnover, but the actual amount spent, then the Government's stice amounts to no less than 40 per cent.

Proposals which have been put forward by the Bookmakers' Committee to the Horserace Betting Levy Board would pro-duce at least £31.7 miltion for the benefit of racing, in my opinion, with the advent of satellite televised racing. The sum to be realized would, as in the past three years, comfortably exceed forecast projections and without any modification to the bookmakers' proposals the levy board would achieve their stated objective of £34 million.

The vast sums of money being mentinned du nut come front bookmakers' profits but from the puniers' pockets. To suggest a levy equating to 4 per cent of turnover is not only naive hut downinght irresponsible.

When one sees that the tevy board has had a surplus for the past three years of 10 per cent. 18 per cent and 18.2 per cent, il

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bealthy state – attendances up; prize-money up; betting turn-over on and off course up; facilities improving all the time. Those last words are not mine Sir, To see how off-track betting can benefit horse racing, horse Lord Faithaven, in the 1988 alike, the British need look no Jockey Club report. farther than The Netherlands,

Betting levy not seen as a winner

From Mr G. R. Dennis Sir. As chairman of one of the largest bookmaking firms out-side the multiples, may 1 com-

Racing is in an exceptionally

stand why, in the face of such optimism, the offer of a scheme almost certain to produce the sum being sought, has been refused by the board. Yours faitbfully, G. R. DENNIS (Managing Director). A. R. Dennis & Co. Ltd., 155 Curtain Road, EC2. From Mr Gordon B. Donning Sir, I have been a bookmaker since 1953 and now run a small company operating four li-censed benting offices. The 8 per cent Customs and Excise duty on punters' lurnover is actually on per cent on what he spends. On £100 turnover the punter will lose £20; if there were no tax it would have cost him f12. And it is on this f12 that he is being charged f8 by Customs and Excise.

where the sport, moribund as recently as 1985, has been 1 find it difficult to underrevitalized by the installation of a Totalisator controlling every

paged it to do: it bas created a new and respectable image for horse racing and off-track bet-ting across The Netherlands. Computer-based betting has inspired confidence; and handsomely decorated and inviting betting shops have attracted bettors. Their number more than includ during the year after Ladbroke opened its first betting shop. Healthier revenues have provided funds for better

In 1973 we tank 460,000 betting slips: this total peaked in 1977 at 51\$,000, since when it have provided funds for better prizes: for breeders' premiums; and for the administration and hasfallen every year except two, and reached a new low in 1987 of 392,000. Yet during the past 10 years everything has been done in increase the number of improvement of race track facilities. Perhaps British horse racing can nn longer support its book-makers in the style to which they have become accustomed, and races for puniers to bet on. The Home Secretary should.

together with the levy board, ask the Chancellor haw he can maintain a thriving sport as weth Yours faithfully justify a lax of 66 per cent on what people spend on gambling in licensed beining offices, whilst they can go to racecourses. JANIE C. ERIČSSON, 10 Chapel Street, Belgrave Square, SWI.

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Yours faithfully,

L.R. TILNEY.

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DOUGLAS V. WARD,

lucrative contracts playing in county cricket during our

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South African players as well.

6 Portway Gardens,

is still used) refers to the diameter of the equivalent Or-dinary driving wheel.

WALTER LOVERING,

From Mr Douglas V. Ward

aspect of a countrywide betting. system. Shedding its bookmaker im-Kipling's poem "If": "If you can meet with triumph and disaster age and turning to the most advanced and powerful com-And treat those two impostors just the same"? autoriced and powerin com-puter technology available, Ladbroke Racing has done pre-cisely what the Dutch Harness and Flat Racing Association and The Swedish met with disaster and treated it with the its fellow administrator, the Netherlands Government, en-

same composure as they treat victory. I say "Hallelujah – well played Sweden!" BUNNY AUSTIN. S Victoria Square, Swish From Mr Jozef Garlinski Sir, 11 was a Swedish mistake 5 Victoria Square, SWI. not to play the last "dead" singles in the memorable Davis

Cup match, but as long as the final result was in doubt, the behaviour of the Swedish play-ers. spectators and officials was remarkable.

The unopire was British, but the linesmen were local and their calls were as objective as possible. On match point for Wilander the Steep return just touched the outside margin of the line. In how many countries would this shot not have been calted "out"? And it was the turning point of the whole struggh

Yours faithfully. JOZEF GARLINSKI. 94 Ramillies Road, W4.

Digging problem

From Mr Philip Brownrigg Sir. My best thanks to Mr Bryan Foster (December 15) who did what I should have done - he looked up the R and A's retevant decision on "burrowing animals", which excludes dogs from this category. Although some dictinuaries include "dig" as a definition of the verb "burrow". I do not argue with Sir, I would like to point out that the S3 inches referred to by Peter Bryan in respect of G, P. the decision on the rule. What worries me is the rule itsetf. Mills's Ordinary front wheel measures the diameter and not to over 60 years of golf I have never seen anyone "taking re-lief" from a hote, cast or runway made by "a reptile or a bird". he circumference. He therefore travelled 167 but when I was playing recently, a black labrador made its way purposefully into the only sand inches for every complete revolution of the pedals on his way to John o'Groats which somewhat reduces the cadence if bunker on the 14th hole and started digging keenly (some people would have called it burrowing). Its owner explained that it was retrieving its ball, which it had buried there earlier in their walk. After the recovery of the ball, the owner walked over the butrow and footprints, and so all was well. However I international cricketers carning believe the rule needs revision to cover the situation that arises if the owner is absent or absentminded Not only are these overseas As I used to be a member of the Royal North Devon Golf Swedish attitudes to sport ex-Club. I well remember the tremely depressing. In England, natural problems described by anyone trying to encourage Club. I well remember the

cricketers playing here against English players with South Afnatural problems described by Mr Tony Smailes (also Decem-Perhaps it is time the TCCB ber 15). At an AGM many years looked at taking retaliatory ac-tion by refusing entry 10 overago a member suggested that the problem of "unscattered maseas players of certain cricketing nure" was covered by the then equivalent of rule 14.5 which prohibits the playing of a ball in motion. Yours faithfully, PHILIP BROWNRIGG, Wheeler's, Checkendon, Nr Reading, Berkshire.

Arresting figures American dream From the Honorary Consul of the People's Republic of Benin From Mr Thomas I. Shawdon Sir, An analysis of the published figures (December 21) relating Sir, I am afraid your columnist, Simon Barnes (Diary, Decem-ber 17), is a little late in his reporting of the Benin golfer who single-handed destroyed our air force. to arrests at football grounds by way of percentage arrests of attendance will show that the "top 10 of the least disciplined crowds" reads as follows: 1Scerborough I.a approx 20 ameste per 10,000 spectators] 2Exeter City 3York City 4Haiitax Town 5Bournemouth 6Newport County TPortsmouth

This story was first published on April 1 this year and seems to have started in New York Remarkably at that time I received at least 20 telephone calls from various newspapers asking me whether the story was true or not.

Of course it was not but had it been, I would suggest that instead of the negligent golfer having been fined, imprisoned or otherwise charged with the destruction of our air force, be would almost certainly have had his sentence deferred for three months or so on the condition that he took additional instruc-tion from his golf club's pro and that be improve his handicap within the prescribed period. Yours faithfully, L LANDAU.

Honorary Consul People's Republic of Benin. 125-129 High Street, Edgware,

Lack of demand From Mr R. Roberts

Middlesex.

Sir, I found David Miller's article (December 20) on official youth participation in spon is liable to encounter the indifference of local officials who have no understanding of the social value of sport. The head of Brighton Coun-cil's Parks and Recreation Department recently informed

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Sports Letters may be sent

Wildingon, N-17,3, The Baldwer (P Naven, B-4 tav), ALSO RAN: 11-4 Golia Patriary (4th), 11 Magaucot (0, 50 Simon Bolivar (au), 6 ran, 31, st hd, 251, C J Bell at Castleford, Tole: 218,70; 2260, 21,90, DF; 216,30, CSF: 255,98,

E16.30. CSP: E55.98. 2.15 (2m hole) 1, SMART PERFORMER (G McCourt, 6-4 fav); 2, Good Mood (L Wyer, 20-1); 9, Mische Han (P Nivin, 3-1), ALSO RANE 3 Mils Mil (pu), 8 Almarruekh, 16 Hutner (410), Macambur (5th), 20 Golden Machine, Mr Therm, 50 Thimoni, 50 Card Party (pu), Co-Tack (8th), Moving Time (1), Sowardign Glesst, Zarbee, 15 ran, 2, rix, 1, 25, 11, N Tinker at Mahon, Toka: E320; E1:30, E4:20, E1:70, OF: E51.00, CSF: E33.99.

CSP: E35.96. 2.45 (2m ch) 1. PHOENIX GOLD (M Dwyer, 5-2); 2. Randolph Place (G McCourt, 4-7 fav); 3. Kill Steet (J Hayes, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 16 Roman Dusk (Ath), 33 Hazel Bank (Std), 100 Canta-Lad (pu), 6 ran. 1, 20, 20, 20, Jinntry Fitzperald at Marton. Tola: 25.30; 21.50, 21.30, OP; 22.10. CSP: 24.11. After u stewards inquiry the result stands.

Inquiry the result stands. 3.15 (2m 41 hole) 1, ESSEX (G McCount, 7-27, 2 Goldan Asset (P Niven, 11-8 iav); 3, Pit Peny (L Wyar, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 12 Densi John (4th), 14 Doughty Rebel, Amburgate (5th), 20 Bitly Tobin, Donego, 25 Velvet Touch (6th), 9 ran, 54, 10, 31, 101, 121. N Tinider at Matton, Tobin; E3.80; E1.10, E1.40, E1.70, OP: E3.20, CSF: E8.41. Tricast: E19.27. .

Placepot: 232.20. Folkestone

Boing: good to soft (chase course); soft

(nurdea) 12.45 (2m 6/ ndie) 1, BORTS ADVICE (H Davies, 15-27,2, FF for Firing (P Holey, 3-17.3) HF Uptanii (I Shoemari, 16-1) ALSO RAN: 2 far Rizhia (Hth), 7 Granves Palace (pu), 10 Jollenne (pu), 14 Grovelands, 16 Kurdish Prince (pu), 39 Against Al Odds (pu), Ashmae (f), 50 Final Salection (pu), 66 Clear Gin, Pisin Talk (Sth), The Brichin (pu), Mistress Ross (6th), Sweet Mary Lou (pu), 16 ran. 10, 31, 151, 251, 201, 0 Grissal at HeanniceL Tone: 2015; 221.0, 21.10, 52.70. 0F: F13.00. CSF: 528.55. 1.15 (2m 41 ch) 1. CELTC FLAME (D

22.10, 22.70, OF, 213.00, CSF: 228.85, 1.15 (2m 4) ch) 1, CELTIC FLAME (D) Skyrma, 25-11; 3. Candroid Pailon (P) Soutamora, 134-9 tax); 3. Robeson (Peter Hobba, 16-1), ALSO RAN: 11-2 Taareta, 13-2 Westwey, 7 Should Never Be (40), 9 Majaesic Ring, 12 William Anthony, 25 Erostindweidomsut, (n. Nevider (561), 33 Surih Rayne (pu), Vagabundo (pu), 40 Castilore Lad (pu), Koleste, (Minstirook (pu), Last Extravegence (60), 16 ran. Nk, 7, 8, 25, %L P Aarte at Bartiamsted, Tote: £28.60; 25.50, 91.70, 65.60, DF: £62.60, CSF: £54.71, 1.45 (2m ch) 1, MAMDRAY (Mr T

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262.60. CSF: 594.71. 1.45 (2m ch) 1, MANDRAY (Mr T Costelio, 15-8 fav): 2, Eyetrap (D Skyrme, 9-27.3. Bold Archer (K Burke, 9-2), ALSO RAN: 5 Srowy Bondair (R, 7. Narcone (4th), 6 Punters Lad (Still, 14 Artic Chief (R, 20 Up At Down (pu), 25 Autumn Sun (R, 33 O K Son (Sth), 10 ren. 44, 1% 5, 121, 51, 10 Costelio at Adatome. Tote: 25.30; 21.50, 22.40, 21.50. OP: 210.70, CSF: 211.78. Theast: 233.87 0.000 0.004 0.004

Tricest: 233.57 2.15 (3m 3) hole) 1. WRITE THE MUSIC (Mrs J Saunders, 5-1); 2. Another Tricip (Mr O Townsend, 9-1); 3. Karaidar Reference (Miss E Deen, 5-1); ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Prince (Kienk (44%), 9-2 Mr What's-Ha-Henne (nu), 5 Sir Parde (nu), 10 Maziars (54%), 12 Poperwood (84%), 20 Silver Cheseman, 50 Sympatique (nu), 10 Reference (1, 1); 7 Feigste at Metion Mowbray: Tote: 52.30; 22.40, 21.60, 52.00, 07: 537.20, CSF: 573.57, Tricest: 5367.10, 2.46 Cm 21 chi 1. (4 Shavie's Game 0.005 0.008 0.008

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Going: good to soft 12.30 (2m) hole 1. FRST DIVISION (R Durwoody, 11-10 fav); 2. Desp Filash (T Morgan, 7-1); 3. L'Unime File (J. Leven, 20-1), ALSO RAIL: 7 Keewood Jack, 10 Jane Craig (Still, 12 Zappalin (f) 1.4 Kayucee (Still, 16 Mangrows, 20 The Tartan (pu), Forgenetiai (pu), Steal Progress (pu), 66 Home To Tars, Janaab, Kingsbridge Fyer, Petty Bridge, Tancount. Zio Pappino (pu), Drum Shan Bo (0, 22 ran. 41, hd, 11, 41, 51, Mrs J Pitman at Upper Lambourn. Tote: E6:00; E1:70, 53:80, 212.60, DF: E236:50, CSP: 2148.06

212.60. DF: 2236:30. CSF: 2148.06 2.0 (2m ch) 1, POSITIVE (R Boggan, 4-5 fav); 2, St Gabriel (G Bradley, B-1); 3, Fuego Boy (B De Ham, 5-1), ALSO RAN: 8 Jimaser (5th), 9 Smithy Bear (5th), 14 London Leader (4th), 35 Ferliw Paddy (pt/, Maundy Boy, 40 Capati Cone, 50 Bathyshannon Run, Barn Brae, Sallors Pride, 100 Cociney General (pu), Grey Gate, Moonlight Shadow, 15 rat, 134, 10, 151, 251, 4. R Balley at East Bady, Tote: 21,90;21,40, 22.10, 21.70. Dt: 28.60. CSF 29.20

29.52 2.38 (2m hole) 1, RUSTY HOC (W Knos, 7-1); 2, Lawyonworth (M Brannen, 16-1); 3, Term Di Siana (B Powel, 12-1); 4, Velwit Pearl (D J Burchell, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Without A Doub, T Kadan, 11 Garda's Gold, Storm Of Plenty (f), 12 Court Ruier, Flower Of Tintern, 16 Highlend Cloper (pu), 20 True Spartan (5th), 25 Deedly Going (6th), Silvera Spy (pu), 33 Music Worder, Orarion, Aecommon: 17 ran, NF: Yankee Silver, 41, 51, 81, 151, 4L M W Davies at Aborgrownry, Tolar: 5540; 21-90, 65:60, 52:50, 52:20, DF: 2161.70, CBF: 2111.52, Tricast: 21,225,02 3,0 (2m Africh, AuthOffe Dott Plens, J

CSF: E111.52. Tricast: E1,225,02. 3.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, AUNTHE DOT (Miss J Henry, 7-2 (h-fav); 2, Sassanacco (Mr A Tory, 14-1); 3, Rangens Boy (Mr A Farrant, 6-1). ALSO HAN: 7-2 (h-fav Latin American (4th), 4 Perroquet (un), 7 Fills (01 Truce (pu), 6 Eamons Owen, 25 Oakgrove (5th), 30 Thomong Price (8th), Mackiew (bu), 10 ran, 301, 21, 61, 151, 151, J Webber at Molington. Toth: E3.40; E1.60, E2.30, E1.70, DF: 220.20, CSF: 244.72. Tricast: 2522.28.

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 Langrove (W. Stephens, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Mr Mayfair, 4 Catory Rise (Sth), 5 Sacrosenst (1001), a Run The Show.
 Bolshol Boy, 10 Friandry Banker, 12 Gelice Nuclearies Lad, 14 Muchartos, 10-3 Gelice Sur Lasmes Lad, 14 Muchartos, Ru Velentino (441), 16 Suncia, 20 Ty-Shan Bay, Waterhay, 33 Barge Boy, Flaxen (415, Knowstone, Poppie, Ranc's Cuest, Sonny, James, Bryanis), Summer Sun, 24 ran, NR: Non C Beacon, St, 12, 11, hd, Xil. O Elsworth at Writebury, Toto: £15.50; 22:30, 24.10, 21.380, DF: 23.30, 0.57; 2148.34.

Placepot 2481.78 · Enemy Action, unbeaten in three races over burdles and the impressive winner of the Finale Junior Hurdle at Chepstow on Tuesday, has been laid to lose £30,000 for the Daily Express Triumah Hurdle by Corels

Triumph Hurdle by Corals. Martin Pipe's youngster is now 12-1 elear favourite.

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R. ROBERTS

me that the dearth of colts cricket in Brighton - which he does not deny - is "merely a reflection of a lack of demand". His political counterpart voiced the opinion that boys wishing to play cricket could easily travel out to Ditchling, which is sev-eral miles from Brighton, in order to do so. Yours faithfully,

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after a five-timer on Tuesday, has six chances this afternoon of registering the fastest ever Netional Hunt hundred.

The record-breaking trainer has a runner in each of the first five races at his local course, Taunton, and also sends Glen Road to Stratford.

Pipe saddles French import Kabartaylar in the opening days ago but fell at the last, the Somerset track and this useful Flat performer should outclass his moderate opponents.

Trained in France by Alain though, I nominate Cantorial Royer-Dupré until joining Pipe in the late autumn, Kabartaylar won a £7,000 race at Saint-Cloud in early October and had previously been placed in listed company.

Sure to have been well educated on the Nicholashayne gallops, Kabartaylar can take this modest event on the way to better things. Pipe introduces Mareth

1.00 Leszko Le Noir. 1.30 Below Zero. 2.00 Lord Laurence.

FORM CRY FOR THE CLOWN was a useful even to the flat and matte a winning debut over hurdes at Notlingherr (2m, good) with the CUESSAND (7b better off) 134 4h, Familed to give a good account here, but concedes weight all-mand.

round. BEECH PARK was an excellent 41 2nd to Espy on hurdling how over course and distance (good), but felied to confirm their promise at Hereford last time. Apprentice-riddien on that occasion, may need

stronger handling. CHIMES OF THE DAVIN was racing prominently

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1 113143 GOOD TIMES 10 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs O Robinson) 8 Half 12-0 ...

1.0 PETER PAN NOVICES HURDLE (\$708: 2m) (17 runners)

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Lioe. a fair hurdler two sea Martin Pipe, on the 99 mark sons ago, to fences in the after a five-timer on Tuesday Standard Life Novices' Chase but marginal preference here is for Tebitto, one of the leading lights at Andy Turnell's East Hendred yard.

Tebitto won seveo of his 10 races over hurdles last season and was also fifth to Vagador st Cheitenham. He looked likely to make a winning chasing debut at Ludlow nine Proved? presenting victory to the Pipetrained Swing To Steel Granted a clear round, Tebitto

together.

STRATFORD

Selections

By Mandarin

Guide to our in-line racecard

will be hard to beat here. For the day's best bet, bears close inspection in this to land the Christmas Pudding Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle, one of the worst races of its type ever put

2.30 Tharr-An-Bharr. 3.00 Nippy Chippy. 3.30 The Humble Tiller.

Cantorial was a well-beaten OVET. fourth behind Duckhaven at Newton Abbot on Boxing Day but appeared not to last out modest second of four to the extended two miles five Churches Green at Plumpton furlongs of that race.

A Webb J Brysn C Willey (7)

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when a serious blander put him out of contention in the early stages at Warwick (2m, good to soft) set time. Came home in mid-division that day and is anpacted to come on for the experience. HOLLY (KRBs useful on the Fat in France, Won a hundleap by Ki at Malsons-Laffitte (1m 27, good) in September. His trainer has an excellent record at the course.

LESZKO LE NORI still looked in need of the race when 31 2nd to Yaheeb at Catterick (2m, good) test

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Handicap Chase. Graeme Roe's five-year-old another bad race. My other principal fancy at Stratford is Leszko Le Noir, who is taken to continue the excellent run of Nigel Tinkler

and Graham McCourt in the Peter Pan Novices' Hurdle. Martin Pipe: fancied to hring A winner over a mile on the up the 100 with Kabartaylar Flat as a juvenile, Leszko Lc today's half-mile shorter trip Noir was beaten only three

lowly grade and the fact that Chris Popham runs him again so soon suggests that the trainer believes this is too old has won his other two races over hurdles by margins good an opportunity to pass of 12 and 15 lengths. Glen Road, Pipe's only The Dick Whittington Novrunner at Stratford, was a

ices' Hurdle looks tailor-made for The Humble Tiller, whose Southwell win over Millpond arlongs of that race. ealry last month and Nippy Boy and Jane's Delight a. third behind Brandon Pier His previous form over Chippy is preferred in the fortnight ago was franked and Esha Ness.

Alice In Wooderland Novices' when the last-named won st Sedgefield on Boxing Day. Pipers Copse looks the best won well at Plumptoo in bet on a poor Plumpton card between chasing home Biloxi in the opening Heathfield Blues at Windsor and Arctic Novices' Hurdle. Since beat-Cavalier at Plumpton. He ing Serious Man over course looks a worthy top weight in and distance in October, Peter Cundell's six-year-old has run sound races to chase home Mountebor at Hereford and

> However, the Sherwood brothers fare with Errant

Morley Street at Sandown. Errant Knight, Jackscon Warrior and Pick Roundstone all hail from good stables and should be winning in due course but this looks a suitable opportunity for Pipers Copse to pick up the winning thread.

lengths by Yaheeb at Catterick, a good effort considering that Mick Easterby's unbeaten four-year-

Knight, I expect them to be on the mark later in the afternoon with El Galileo in the Derek Hambling Handicap Hurdle. The six-year-old won three times last season and again ran well on his reappearance at Ascot 12 days ago when

2.30 VIVIAN STREET HANDICAP CHASE (Amsteurs: £2.940: 2m) (10 runners)

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Bob's Advice and Hywel Davies soar effortlessly over the last flight on their way to a 10-length victory in the Sissinghurst Novices' Hurdle at Folkestone yesterday

Run High crowns Positive in celebrations for line for father Mitchell

Philip Mitchell, who became a ders Stakes with Shuttlecock father on Tnesday night, wet the baby's head with a timely victory at Folkestone yesterday when saddling Run High to win the Le Touquet Novices' three miles and three furlongs, for the second time. "Write The Mosie wants Hundle.

The gelding, a wedding gift from the Epson trainer to his wife Tricia two years ago, capped the celebrations with a sparking hurdling debut before about five or six miles really, but I was never worried because Folkestooe is the luckiest course in England for me. I have an incredible percentage of winners record winter crowd of 4,500 to runners here.

a record winter clowe of spool at the Kent course. Mrs Mitchell, who gave birth to a 6lb 8oz boy, likely to be named Jack, would have been thrilled by the manner in which ther horse gained his latest Tom Costello flew back from Ireland to partner his brother's Mandray to a Jucky victory io the St Christopher's Hospice Novices' Chase.

Arkle tilt Positive, whose speed com-pensated for some indifferent jumping when winning at War-Corner. However, he derived just as much pleasure from winning the Bobbie Shaw Me-morial Handicap Hurdle, over wick yesterday, will have two more small races before going to Cheltenham for the Arkie Chall-

enge Trophy. He really needs a month between races and today's came e bit too soon after his win on the course 16 days ago," Kim Bailey said. "But I wanted to get another outing into him in case

we got a cold spell." Good Waters, who completed a 7-1 double for Lambourn prainer Simon Christian by landing the Christmas Past Novices' Handicap Chase, is another destined for the festival meet-Costello partoered Deep marked for the four-mile

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runners)

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7		RACHAN MASTER 14 (T Corden) A J Wilson 8-10-13	
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		MAD JIMMY 17 (J Warner) P Hobbs 6-10-11	
		BATTLE RUN 20 (Mrs M Rogers) O Nicholson S-10-10	
		KATHES CHOICE 15(J Dunkerton) J Bradley 5-10-8	
12		MOORSTOWN PRICE 27 (T August) Mrs N Sharpa 8-10-6	
		BARTON RISE & (Mian V Wellers) J Edwards 8-10-6	
14		ALISANDY 62 (D Woodcock) J Edwards 5-10-3	
		SHOTINGO 15 (W Sheedy) W Sheedy 0-10-3	
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	DETTING	6-4 Glen Road, 5-1 Nippy Chippy, 7-1 Battle Run, 10-1 Another Seel	ur, 12-1 Barton Rise.
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1987: DUART 7-10-0 A Webb (25-1) J Spearing 15 ran

FORM NERFY CHEFFY, a consistent sort, ran Plumpton (2m 44, good to firm), GLEN ROAD appeared to run well when Bi 2nd of 4 to Churches Green at Plumpton (2m 44, firm), Front-numer who should be able to dominate here. BATTLE RUN has displayed ability in novice

BETTING: S-1 Leatho Le Noir, 7-2 Cry For The Clown, B-1 Beach Park, Battelion, 8-1 Hofy King, 16-1 Norwich Caste, 12-1 Galaxy Mise, 14-1 others. 1967: GOLD OPTIONS B-10-12 M Dwyer (Brens fav) Jimmy Fitzgeraid 19 ran

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:.	1967: TEAM CHALLENGE 5-11-S M Planan (11-10 tav) Mrs J Planan 7 ran FORM BRIGHT HORNING was not dis- graced when 141 Sid to Ace Of Splies		124	CO	irse s	pecial	ISTS JOCKEN	e		Australia today. Ray intends to offer, it is a g take out a training licence on the now," Hutchi	od idea to go back son said. "I think	trainer Mark Tompkins
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	tey and should give a good account here. COVENT GARDEN the shown little form over ences this form and wes well besten by Prince determine the Southered for 11 (the cond to soft on the souther of the season, but probably ran his bost race when under 21 3rd to Team Challenge at Plumpton (3m 11, good to firm) on his penultimate start.	N Handerson O Burchell M Pipe	1	16	2 34,4 10 30,0 15 29,1 10 28,7 14 20,3 11 17,5	G McCourt R Dunwoody B de Haan	10	14 50) 16 26; 55 18, 102 17, 38 13,		A qualified yet and successful struggling."	always going to be	form is oo good ground, against the good to soft surf on this occasion, was a
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Fetisov's desire still flickers despite delays

Uniondale. New York - By September, with negotia-Vyacheslay Fetisov, a member tions for his release from the of the Soviet Union national army stalled, he resigned his side, still hopes to become the commission as a major in first player from his country to order to accentuate his injoin a National League (NHL) tentions. The resignation was team despite numerous hitches in negotiations.

Fetisov, aged 30, who is the New Jersey Devils, is bound by a 25-year military ready to field a national team playing for New Jersry this without him.

and has shared in two Olympic gold medals, said: "I want to play in New Jersey but I don't know if we are moving ahead to a resolution. Duriog the last the Fetisov situation. "If you four months, one day it is you go, the next day it is no. you stay here."

On Tuesday night he sat iu a hotel lobby near the Nassau Coliseum, where the Central Red Army team will continue a tour of NHL teams with a game against the Islanders today. He was flanked by an interpreter he barely needed, and he clutched a New Jersey Devils media guidebook as he told the complex story of the political negotiations that have thus far prevented him from starting his career afresh in the NHL.

"I just want to try myself once more in new conditions," Fetisov said. "I'm ready to go

depend on me." Fetisov, considered hock-ey's finest defenseman since Bobby Orr, of the Boston Brains, had already told the Gorbachev.

Devils, who hold his North American rights, that he wished be were playing for them instead of opposing them oo the Central Red Army club's seven-game tour.

"We've done everything we possibly can to get him here," Loo Lamoriello, the general manager of the Devils, said. "And Fetisov himself has done everything he can possibly do to prove he wants to come here, but the hang-up is now [Soviet] with the

Government." The morning after his team secured the gold medal at the Olympic Games in Calgary in February, Fetisov indicated be defection as a method of was ready to become a Devil. joining the NHL.

not accepted, however, and Fetisov has remained in limbo. Fetisov said he had the seeking clearance to play for support of his learn members but not of his coach. Viktor Tikhonov. Tikhonov has said contract and a coach who is not that he expected Fetisor to be

good actor." he said.

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decision by the Soviet sports federation to release Fetisov from his obligations to it was influenced by the perestroika policy of President Mikbail Fetisov said he expected any

contract with the Devils would be for between £280,000 and £360,000 a year, with £700 a month plus living expenses going to him and the rest to the federatioo. He said the Gorbachev administration had made possible the prospect of his joining the NHL, and he added that in 1989 "we'll have the legal possibility to quit the

army That the Soviet authorities granted Fetisov permission to join his team for the North American tour indicates they believe he is not considering

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Comani, who trained his first Derby winner this year, and his wife, Sara, at their Newmarket yard: "His lads may call him 'guvnor' but at heart he is Il Principe"

From handicappers to the high-life

string of duck eggs and winning at

Luca Cumani is an Italian raceborse trainer. He trained the Derby winner this year. With characteristic British wit, he is known as The Wop. An Italian training at New-market? You might as well have an English goodolier, or an English pope. Though there has been an English pope, come to think of it. Hadrian IV.

SPORT

It would be rather good fun to caricature Cumani as an ice-creamseller type, mamma-mia-ing around Warren Hill and the Limekiln Gallops. But be is pragmatic, purposeful, amhitious: another recognizable Italian type. If you seek to caricature Cumani, it must be in terms of Medicis and Borgias and the pioneer of political science, Machiavelli, author of Il Principe.

Cumani's ambition is overwhelming, which also makes him a recognizable Newmarket type. He is no trumpeter of his successes, erring me

by working his passage around the horsey world: California, Australia, Hong Kong. He weot to England, back to Italy, back to England again, and stayed. He got a job pupil-assisting with Henry Cecil, learnt about obsession from the master, and resolved to set up on his own.

66-1. Most were favourites. There It was while he was working for was nothing underhand. I was just Cecil that he went to a drinks party making the system work to my advantage." Note the effortless use at the British Bloodstock Association. He was introduced to a pretty of racing slang. girl. "She said, 'Where are you from?' I said, Italy. 'Oh,' she said, Cumani has risen in the hit 'you're an immigrant then'. It parade since the days when he lived conjured up images of someone and died by his handicappers. He arriving at Victoria Station with a finished second in the trainers' cardboard suitcase kept together championship, and of course won with a hit of string. I thought, here is his Derby (and the Irish one as well), which tells the world he is not this attractive girl, and she is calling me an immigrant. It fired my

member of the Super-League. It is Reader, he married her. And, not quite something for an Exile - or an as an immigrant but as an Exile, he immigrant if you prefer - to come set up as a trainer in Newmarket in from outside and to reach the top, It was cheaper then, for or very nearly the top. Cuman

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you told me that, and it didn't him. "Good publicity," he says sublimely, looking back. "I had come, and you should have known handicappers, so I had to win handicappers, so I had to win handicaps. I always made a point of not cheating. My horses always won their big handicaps after winning before. They weren't coming in off a that. There is a certain lack of coherence. Of rational thinking sometimes."

Well the Brits have always been known as emotional thinkers. "It is probabaly better to be like that. They don't dwell on negative aspects long enough. If they have a problem, they tend to sweep it under the carpet, and look at something brighter ahead. I find that with my temperament, if I have a problem, I tend to fight it like mad. Probabaly that's wrong. "There is a tendency here of, 'Oh

well, life goes on, it doesn't matter' - and that can be a little frustrating. I'm a little bit pedantic and precise in what I do, and I find it frostrating to work with people who are not like that, when you expect work by a certain deadline and nothing bappens."

It was Cumani's rejection of the

dreary. That's what I like about being here." Here being England, or if you prefer, Abroad. Exiled.

But there is always a certain amount of Italianate gloom surrounding Cumani, something that is rather impenetrable to a Brit, for all that Cumani manages to alchemize it into part of his drive for victories. "To win the Derby is a strange feeling, not at all what you would expect. You go to the races that day full of trepidation. You try - at least, I try - to pick boles in its form. Did he really beat anything at Lingfield? Has he ever sparkled enough on the gallops to win a Derby? I continually tried to find reasons why Kahyasi couldn't win.

"Then he wins, and you are just standing there. It takes a while for it all to come together. Very strange. And then you come home that night, and you are faced with everyday problems, and next morning there are more, so you just put the win behind you ... and carry

season and did not oppose the Fetisov, who has played for move, but Fetisov is not con-the Soviet Union for 11 years vinced. "Tikhonov is a very John Ziegler, the NHL president, said he did not expect a hasty resolution to apply common sense. you see it's not a simple problem for them." he said, referring to the



Fetisov: awaiting clearance Soviet Union. Ziegler said a



ment: here again, employing New-market method. "A few years ago. I think most trainers were fairly relaxed people," he says. "They took plenty of time to go to meetings, to go to house-parties . . . but since the advent of Cecil, Stoute, Harwood, and so much hard work, we just can't stay away from our stables. We are all obsessive now, because we have to be. Well, you can be a middle-rater if you want - it all depends on where you want to pitch yourself."

Cumani became an Exile more or less accidentally. He had grown up with horses and racing in Italy, and resolved to complete his education

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Newmarket was going through a slump in reputation, with all the Classic winners trained elsewhere. At first, he trained mainly for Italian owners who wanted to bave a horse or two competing in the big League of English racing. He got a reputation for being good at handicaps. When racing people say a trainer is "good at handicaps" it is not an unreserved tribute to training skills. It means devious, too clever by half, likely to bend the odd rule and manipulate the borses.

It is just the sort of thing a wily foreigner would be good at. Such was Cuman's reputation: a whiff of mist, but sometimes you feel, well, envy and suspicion surrounded

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yet to win the trainers' charopionship, and he would like to do that very much indeed.

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Newmarket is home, and will remain so for as long as he trains racchorses. And as for living among the Brits, there is no clash there. Not much. "Well, it is not really annoying, but what I find quite . . . different about the British, is their optimism," he says. "They just forget about the downfalls and the bad things in life. They always look on the bright side, almost to the point of being unreasonable. It is better than being a constant pessi-

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By Richard Eaton

easy option that turned him into an on." Exile. Italian racing is a comparative backwater. "English racing is 100 times bigger, 100 times more challenging," he says. "Because there are so many more people

involved, there are so many more ideas. And so much more competitiveness. In England, especially the way things have taken off over the past 10 years, you have to be on the ball the whole time - and that's

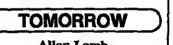
good. "Whether I will still think that at 60 is another matter." He will be 40 next year. "But right now it is fun. Challenging. It's active, it's pulsat-ing, it's alive, it's never dull or

BASKETBALL

coveted English award

Cumani's nature is in some ways startlingly alien. He is one of those Exiles who have found foreign soil an incomparable stimulus, but there is no quesion of his going native. His lads may call him 'guvnor', but at heart he is Il Principe.

After 12 years of training, he is an winning tun to 13, beauing Tayside Tigers 19-9 and achievoddity, but an accepted oddity. It does not matter, after all, whether ing their tenth double-figure score in 11 games. be is really English or Italian, so long as he wins races.





ken League on Tuesday and the results were of some significatoe at both ends of the table. Murrayfield Racers took their winning run to 13, beaung

ond win of the season. They beat Sotiholl Barons, with their imports at last providing the sort of scoring power that is required for survival in the premier division. They combined for 18 points and were particularly effective when the Redskins were oo power plays. The Racers have a three-point

edge over Durham Wasps at the top of the table, although the Wasps have a game in hand. The Redskins have four points, three behind the Barons and five behind the Tigers, who have

played a game more. RESULTS: Murrayileid Racere 19, Tayside Tigers 9: Streatham Redskins 12, Solituit Barons 4.

YACHTING

Old sea dog on the scent of victory

From Bob Ross, Sydney

ves.

"If any positive results are found, only I will be advised by the testing laboratory, and I will theo give that information to the seoior referee," McDaid said

southerly blow of the race's first night, which accounted for Windward Passage II (Rod Muir), then leader of the fleet, with structural damage and has since increased her lead through further south-westerly gusts of 20-30 knots, which forced more retirements yesterday taking the

total from the 119 starters to 36. Yesterday, Raganuffin made excellent time, averaging 9.4 knots in 8.5 hours. Last night, she was converging on the Tasmanian coast in winds that were expected to case overnight, which may help her correctedtime chances.

Apart from the challenge from Apart from the challenge from Great News, the smaller yachts, Illusion (Gino Knezic) and Southern Cross (Bill Gilbert),

CORRECTED-TIME LEADERS; 1, Great News (D Forbes and J Calver-Jones, NSW): 2, Ragamuttin (S Fischer, NSW); 8, Russion (G Knazic, Victoria); 4, Southern Cross (W Gilber, NSW); 5, Middle Harbour Express (R Stone, NSW); 6, Indian Paditic Vic (K Durran, NSW).

Duys ends Indian run

A run of consecutive Indian victories was halted by Martio Duys, of The Netherlands, in the international Cadet class world championship yesterday, Jamie Plioterman, also from The Netherlands, was third but Cyrus Cama sailed into secood place to strengthen the Indian grip oo the title. With four mees to go in the

nine-race series, Jamie Lea, of Exe Sailing Club, is lying second overall, hut Nikhil Ved, of lodia, now fourth, will move up after discarding a disqua-

From a Special Correspondent, Bombay The UK Open champion,

the UK Open champion. Charlotte Neill, had a mixed race, dropping from cighth to 21st, then gaining 12 places on the fioal two legs 10 finish ninth, aod is fifth overall, but Suphanie Rowsell with an eighteenth yesterday, has dropped back to seventh in the championship.

RESULTS: Race 5: 1, Duys/Nouwens (Neth): 2, Cama/A Ved (India): 3, Plinterman/Tiddans (Neth), British placings: 4, Lea/May (Eve SC): 9, Netil/Loc (Exe SC): 16, Vinas/Laste (Tamessi): 16, Romses/Mogne (Exe SC): 31, Brytsa/Barnes (Tamessi), Over-ate 1, Cama/A Ved (14pts: 2, Lea/May, 42.7; 3, Duys/Nouwens, 56,7

Jason Forgerty has been named basketball player of the year for his performances during 1988 excellent showing in the pre-with both MIM Livingston and England. An aggressive centre or forward, who has often belied his 21 years to produce stirring displays for cheb and comtry, the 6ft 9in Fogerty will receive his award from the English Basket Ball Association at the end of the world invitation club chambionship at Crystal palace The presence of five of the Superb sunny slung bach 50 160 Lair world's leading foreign players in the Masters at Prestoo io varied fair fine 2 Lovely weather, some pistes becom Schladming 9 130 good Good skung on higher slopes varied art 2 February suggests that the event will play ao important role in the continuing revival of table tennis seen over the past two his award from the English Basket Ball Association at the end of the world invitation club championship at Crystal palace next Monday. Ironically, though, Fogerty is likely to make little or no impact bikely to make little or no impact to the WICB tournament after heving seven stitches removed yesterday from an old elbow injury. "I don't know how much I'll be able to play as the doctor hold me I should do next to nothing," he said. "But I'll there, I wondu't want to miss out on collecting this award as it's a great honoor." FRANCE 20 30 worn Isoja 2000 varied poor fine 5 Nom patches throughout Plagne 10 100 Lair years. They will also provide memendous opposition for En-La Plagne 10 100 Law Good, sunny akiing but some rocks on lower pr Meneve 20 55 faw varied varied fair 2 SUG Good, suffy and out start Megeve 20 55 fair Hard packed snow on pistes. Tignes 58 220 fair Good sking on upper slopes Val Thorens 20 50 fair Worn patches on lower slopes poor glaod's silver medal winning trio of Desmond Douglas, Alan Cooke and Carl Prean. vaned wom sun -5 Two of the five are Chinese. varied 0 SUL Liang Ke-liang, a member of the world fille winning team of 1977 and Cheo Xinhua, a member of Cervinia 20 140 Eight newly opened runs ei 20 140 fair 2 Crust DOOr រាំរាខ both of the last two world title wioning teams will give the Masters, which is sponsored by the Leeds Building Society, the colourful big names it needs to SWITZERLAND Arosa 75 ou gour Excellent sking everywhere Crans Montana 30 80 worn Sunny skung, good above 2,100m Sunny skung, good above 2,100m good varied good fine worn varied 7 DOOR Formerly with Manchester each other when the draw for United, now Manchester Ea- next year's European basketball sell itself. Davos Excellent sking Grindelwald 35 110 fair Good sking in upper slopes 45 80 goo good varied dood fine -1 Both have reasonable claims to being described as the finest defenders of modern times, yet gies, Fogerty commanded a championships was made here \$10,000 transfer fee when he yesterday (AFP reports). The moved to the Scottish club at the Soviets will be in group A, the end of last season. Later in the Greeks in group B. tan GOOD Serving 45 ou serving sign of wear Pistes showing sign of wear 45 100 fair 2 softm both can revert to a winning attacking style if the state of the good varied good game requires it. Both are well Murren 45 100 ... Excellent skiing above 2,200m Shas Fee 20 130 g 0 crust 1000 fine known to this country. Liang, who plays in the German Bundesliga, has reached the final of the Masters once before. dood closed fine heavy Long lift queues Long lift queues Verbier 5 140 worn Good snow on north facing slopes Zermatt 20 60 tair Still some good skung varied 2 DOOI fine whilst Chen, who wants to play for England, is living in Manchester and plays in the British League. They will need all their tricks if China is to take varied poor fine -3 In the above reports, supplied by representatives of the Ski Club of Graet Britain, L refers to lower slopes and U to upper, and art to artificial. the title. Andrzej Grubba, the leading AUSTRIA Zell an See u Pole. Andrei Mazuoov, the leading Russian, and Jean Phi-lippe Gatien. the leading Frenchman, are just as dan-gerous on present form, and all three make dynamics attaching Information supplied by the Austrian National Tourist Office. Lech Zuera Mayrholen Neushit SCOTLAND Neushit ... 120 100 140 Calmgarn, Glencoe, Glenshee and Locht: Still not enough show for skiing three make dynamic attacking contrasts to the Chinese players' Information supplied by the Scotti Meteorological Office. 190 stvies, Grubba, with his flamboyani backhand, has been one of the best two or three men to Europe TODAY'S FIXTURES MOTOR SPORT: Sky Channel 6.45-7.05 a.m. and 10.25-10.40 p.m.: Paris to Dalctr rally: Report. FOOTBALL in the 1980s, while Mazunov reached the final of the Euro-

FA VASE: Third round replay: Hanley v Poulton Victoria (7.30)

OTHER SPORT VOLLEYBALL: International club four-nament (Crystal Palace).

SPORT ON TV

60WLS: 68C2 530-6 p.m.: Jack Hight highlights of the Wootwich Masters tournament from Worthing.

SKIING: Sky Chemiel 9.25-10.25 p.m.: World Cap: Men's downhill and sialom from St Anton, Austria. STREET HOCKEY: C4 11.30 a.m.-12 p.m. Tennent's Super National champion ships from Lercetter.

Cooke and Prean, will play to two groups of four. The round-robin stage will be followed by semi-finals and then a final live TABLE TENNIS: C4 12-1 p.m.: Londs Test series: England v China: Highlights of the second match from Aylesbury. oo BBC's Grandstand.

annual postal auction organized by the Atlantic Salmon Trust in aid of salmon conservation. The likely winning bid, which must be in by February I, will not be less than \$350 but could be double. There is also fishing on Prince Charles's water on the Dart, to Devon, for two rods at £90 for a season ticket. Double that again if you want to fish pean championships io March and Gauen is one of the world's there. If you fancy fashionable an-tunn fishing in the Tweed, there most improved players These five, plus Douglas,

tumin lishing in the I week, there are beats for two or three rods at up to \$6,000 for a week. Remem-ber that Tweed catthes have gone down in the last three years while prices have gone up. You could do better and very

By Conrad Voss Bark A salmon beat on the Queen's much cheaper hy hidding for water of the Aberdeenshire Dee at Balmonal is on offer for two able on the Wye, Don, Deveron,

hatch.

during the season and some of these will be first-class. Excellent dry-fly fishing for

Norfolk, during the mayfly sea-

had given a positive drug test. FISHING Auction to aid salmon vesterday.

rods for March 20 to 25 in the Exe, Tamar, Spey and Findhorn annual postal auction organized which all have bests on offer

One or two exclusive beats on the Itchen could well go for more. You will be able to fish for half that on the Wissey, in

Altogether 170 lots are on offer. Catalognes are available free from Atlantic Salmon Trust, Moulin, Pitlochry, Perth-shire, PH16 5JQ.

McDaid's appointment to cootrol the Paris-Moscow race probably stems from a similar position he held to this year's Tour of the EEC, a 10-day race through five member countries.

Negotiations are taking place for an invitation to go to a British professional team of seven for Paris to Moscow, which will be discussed at the January meeting of the pro-fessional racing committee.

Yet as the trans-European race ends only four days before the Milk Race is due to begin, British professional teams are unlikely to give il priority over

the important home event. Only three professional teams will get a Milk Race place, however, leaving al least one seven-rider squad available for Paris 10 Moscow.

trol inspector throughout the Tour de France io July, and Can Syd Fischer, one of "yes-terday's heroes" in Australian Chief Commissaire - or senior referee - for the 19-day Paris to ocean racing, sailing a nine-year-old yacht called Ragamuffin, which he still owns because he has been unable to sell, wio the AWA Sydney-Hobart race? The sentimental answer would be

Fischer, aged 62, a tough old sea dog from Sydney, who has woo just about everything else in Australia, was the first Australian to win Britain's offshore classic, the Fastnet race, in 1971, was a member of the winning Australian Admiral's Cup team of 1979.

But io 18 years of trying, he has never woo the Sydney to Hobart to terms of line honours

or oo handicap. Last sight he had a 66-mile lead over Great News, jointly owned by David Forbes and John Calvert-Jones, with 217 nautical miles to sail,

on corrected time. Ragamuffin came through the

and was second to Great News

made strong gains yesterday.



troat is available on the Test at a minimum of £70 a day per rod.

son, wheo that might be even more exciting if there is a good

Moscow race, a one-off event in May to mark the bicentenary of

McDaid will be medical con-

the French Revolution. It will be among the Glasgow official's responsibilities in the Tour de France to ensure that there is no repection of this year's "Delgado Affair", when a premature announcement 00

Olympic gold medal, avoided

televisioo - subsequently found to be incorrect under what were international cycling's rules on drugs - suggested that Pedro Delgado, the Spaniard who went on to win the Tour,

to relegation zone By Norman de Mesquita Two matches were played io the premier division of the Heine-the Great Britain under-21 team

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Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent, considers the state of the game and the possible shape of things to come Another

place on = Changing times hold mixed prospect chance for fund

The inaugural Hopman Cup lournament, a mixed team event, is embellishing the summer scene in Perth, Western Australia. It could be the prolotype for an official world championship with a status comparable 10 the men's and women's competitions for the Davis Cup and the Federation Cup.

Price of

escalates

There was room for onother distinguished team event and the mixed game, always a special joy to players and public, was the obvious candidate for the vacancy. Paul MeNamee and Charlie Fancutt, whose joint initiative created and shaped the Hopman Cup tournament, were also lucky in their timing.

They put their show on the road while the International Tennis Federation (ITF), which has jealously protected the exclusive eminence of the Davis Cup and Federation Cup, was being shunted from the main line of professional is the competence and breadth of tennis into the sidings.

The reduced influence of the ITF, which will be more evident when the Association of Tennis Professionals (ATP) takes over most of the men's tour in 1990. could open many windows in the minds of players and promoters.

As an example, one hopes the two players' associations, ever more powerful, will begin to think in terms of a five-title world championship series. Its basis should be those tournaments, the four grand slam festivals and the Lipton championships, which incorporate the traditional two singles and three doubles events.

So far, one has been impressed hy the painstaking diligence with which the ATP - in harness with tournament representatives and sponsors - is organizing its 1990 takeover. What remains to be seen

TENNIS

From Barry Wood, Perth

vision with which the ATP expands its traditional function: creating more jobs for more players for more money.

There will be difficulties, not least in devising a system of promotion to - and within - the ATP tour, which will have at least two categories of tournaments. One is also apprehensive that the ATP may be making extortionale financial demands on tournaments and, in addition, may be falling into the trap that ensnared the grand prix: an excess of over-

regulated hureaucracy. But the new tour cannot be bunkered until it tees off, a year bence. We should not be too concerned with the deficiencies of practice swings. During 1988, Europeans main-

Mats Wilander, who won three. Graf is the more likely to consolidate her supremacy in 1989. She should achieve a place in the records by becoming the only woman to achieve a grand slam twice.

Graf is younger than Wilander, more single-minded in her insistence on success, and has a more striking advantage over her ob-vious rivals - Chris Evert, Martina Navratilova, and Gabriela Saba-

Wilander looks less secure, partly because of a tendency (reminiscent of his compatriot, Biorn Borg) to be highly selective in making a total commitment to success. One suspects that Wilander's main aims are to win the only hig title to elude him, Wimbledon's, and to surpass Borg's total of 11 grand slam singles titles. Wilander, aged 24, has already

has yet to accept second billing and there are younger men – Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker, Andre Agassi, and Pat Cash – who can knock Wilander off his perch if the demons within drive them hard enough.

Navratilova and Shriver remain the outstanding women's doubles team, without being as overwhelming as they used to be. If Graf and Sabatini stay in harness, they could take over. Emilio Sanchez shared two grand slam men's doubles utles, with different partners, hut no team was pre-eminent. Jana Novotna and Jim Pugh won the Australian and United States mixed titles.

Britain's habitually modest role on the international stage is un-likely to change in the immediate future. No man ranks highly enough to command direct entry to

won seven. But his opposition is a 128-draw singles and only two tougher than Graf's. Ivan Lendl women. Sara Gomer and Jo Durie, can reasonably expect automatic places in a 64-draw evcot.

SPORT

We may hope, without con-fidence, that in 1989 some youngster may improve enough to advance to the last 10 (let us not be premature in our ambitions) of one or other of the grand slam tour-naments. And somewhere on the island there has to be a player who has it in him, or her, to strike a spark that could kindle a national flame

But the rare blend of aptitude and character that creates cham-pions like Borg, Vilas, Becker, Cash, and Graf – all of whom inspired their compatriots - cannot be manufactured. As one has noted here before. Wimbledon can make money out of tennis players but cannot make tennis players out of money.

tained their dominance of the game: notably via Steffi Graf, who won all four grand slam titles, and HOCKEY: EXCITING PROSPECTS FOR A YEAR THAT LEADS TO THE WORLD CUP **Loosemore claims Midlands** helped by famous scalp but Sixsmith's **Britain are beaten**

By Joyce Whitehead

The first day of two territorial tournoments being played simultaneously at Coventry School, Counston, produced was beaten 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. A single hreak of serve decided plenty of goals. the final set. Following that

match, and before Loose-In the senior section, Mid-lands beat North 5-3 after being 2-1 up at half-time. Sue Holwell, of Leicestershire, the captain, more's singles, the mixed doubles match resulted in a 6ad opened the scoring from a had opened the scoring from a penalty corner and Jane Sixsmith (Warwickshire), a member of the Great Britain squad, used her skill with the ball to make two goals for Midlands before Christine Cook, of Lancashire, scored a It was not a particularly inspired performance from Cash, who is returning from a four-month absence caused by a knee injury. That said, he still produced 17 aces to place Bates under more pressure penalty goal.

In midfield, Midlands began (Sheffield League) made sure of North's second goal while Margaret Burrows lay in front of the Midlands goal. Then Joan Lewis sped into action and scored three goals, with Gillian Huggon scoring North's third against the

The holders, the East, looked an impressive side but rather unexpectedly had to come from behind in the last 10 minutes to gain a draw with the West. West scored their goals in the first 10 minutes and sustained much pressure in the second half. But Suzanne Brimley, the captain, marshalled her defence to great purpose.

In the National Westminster Bank's under-21 tournament, West beat the Midlands 4-2 after being level at 1-1 at half-time.

In the other match in that competition, North beat South 2-0 with two splendid goals. Sue



A chance to run in the London Marathon and raise money for n worthwhile ccase is offered to 12 readers of *The Times*. The race organizers have this month noti-fied applicants af their success or failure to gain entry into next year's event, and, if yon were one of the nulucky ones, this is another opportunity to win a place on the starting line. Some 30,000 applicants have been rejected for the event on April 23. But we are again looking for fund-runners who have a particular cause at beart and who are not among the 31,000 - compared with 29,000 in this year's London Marathon - already assured of their places. places. In conjunction with Tandem Computers, which provides the computing facilities for the marathon's build-up and results, we have secared 12 positions on the start line. These will go ta the people who convince the judges that their causes are the most worthy of *The Times*/ Tandem Computers Marathon

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Tandem Computers Marathon Appeal. The marathon has a new sponsor, ADT, which is keen to see the fand raising side of the event maintained, as well as providing an attractive elite race. In the first year of *The Times*/ Tandem Computers Morathon Appeal, our fand runners raised more than £18,000; this year, that figure grew to more than £40,000. All applications will be considered; we welcome applica-

Tandem Computers Marathon

considered: we welcome applica-tions from runners supporting not only national and local charities, but local projects and

Tandem is offering prizes of £250, £150 and £100 in sports shop vonchers, or contributions to their causes, to the three higgest fund-raisers from our selected 12.

All you have to do is explain, in no more than 200 words, why you and the campaign you support deserve one of *The Times/Tandem* Computers places in the ADT London Marathon. Your letter must also note the full address of your chosen charity, or other benefi-ciary of your effort, your name, address and daytime telephone number, your date of birth, experience of distance running and your willingness to run in the marathon.

the marathon. Letters should be sent to The Times/Tandem Computers Marathon Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN, to arrive not later than January 11. Entries will be examined by a papel of induces. examined by a panel of judges, including Pat Butcher, Athletics Correspondent of The Times, and Mike Lambert, Marketing

Sarah Loosemore reaped the Loosemore led 3-0, lost her benefits of a confident perforserve to love and allowed mance in the Hopman Cup Mandlikova to hold for 3-2. yesterday as she defeated Another break for the Austra-Hana Mandhikova 6-1, 6-2. It lian may have been enough to was the best victory of her career and delighted her Carturn the tide, hut it did not come. diff neighbour, Alan Hodges, Loosemore's ability to rewho was in the crowd. His turn Mandlikova's somewhat company, Elmatic, sponsored

looked extremely rusty, having not played for some six months because of injury and a lack of interest in the game. that should detract from Loosemore's success.

HOLE

One of the qualities that has led the Welsh schoolgirl, aged 17, to the threshold of a most promising career is her levelheadedness and ability to handle pressure. She did that superbly throughout the match, for she had to withstand a succession of break set, and then hold firm as Mandlikova threatened a comeback in the second.

hesitant serve was the key 10 the British team.

points against her in the first shots right away and it all

her success, and she refused to Although Maudlikova be intimidated when Mandlikova rushed the net.

RESULTS (Australian names first): Men'a singles: P Cash bt J Baths, 6-4, 1-6, 6-3. Women's singles: H Mandikova lost to S Lotternore, 1-6, 2-6, Mixed doubles: Cash and Mandikova bt Bates and Loosemore, 6-4, 7-5. Australia win 2-1. "I knew it would be a difficult match for Hana to

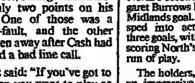
play so I went out there prepared to go al her from the start," Loosemore said, "I like playing serve-and-volleyers because it gives me a target. I was able to play some great

started working for me."

Dell fracas Robertson keen to

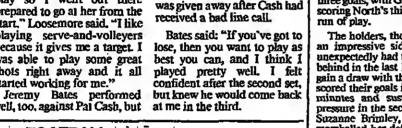
than he would have liked. But his volleys were erratic, and he was severely punished in the second set, during which Bates lost only two points on his ve. One of those was a double-fault, and the other

4. 7-5 defeat for Britain.



well, too, against Pal Cash, but at me in the third.

FOOTBALL



"Because I haven't signed any-

The Welsh Fontball Association secretary. Alun Evans, said: "We just don't have the

want him here."

expires.

ball skills

manage Walsall to a charge

The Football Association will decide today whether to level a charge of bringing the game into disrepute against Gary Ban-nister, the Coventry City forward (Dennis Shaw writes). Bannister was sent off at The Dell on Boxing Day for an tain and defender, who intends to apply for the post left vacant southampton defender, Russell by Tommy Coakley's dismissal on Tuesday.

may lead

both players in injury time, has been described as bearing an uncannily similar resemblance" to Paul Davis's attack on Glena Cockerill, That incident, involving, co-incidentally, another Southampton player, was also seen on television and hrought the Arsenal man a record ninentateh ban,

The fracas which ended with a mass of players apparently exchanging blows, may mean the FA having to act once again. A spokesman said: "We are aware that the incident was seen on TV, though nobody in the disciplinary department saw it. If it is felt to be necessary after considering the referee's report. a video of it can be obtained."

The Coventry manager, John Sillett, has declined to discuss the episode but club disciplinary action is a possibility in addition to Bannister's automatic threematch ban.

The Chetsea chairman. Ken

Bates, has received a twin tonie in his fight to save Stamford

Bridge. Bates, struggling to pre-vent Marler Estates and Crest

Homes from developing the ground, has been successful in

two legal battles connected with

the plans, Bales said yesterday: "In the

High Cnurr, Chelsea Football

Club obtained an order compel-

because of the £75,000 price. He valued Comwell at £50,000.

Charlion Athletic and Swindon.

the asking proce. Bassett has also ended speculation about an £800,000

offer for Brian Deane and Tony

Agana. He insisted that the

• The Blackburg Rovers man-

oromotion-chasing team has be-

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Cornwell is also wanted by

the malters in dispute.

Walsall are to be offered the opportunity to follow the recent example of West Bromwich Alhion and Queen's Park Rang-ers in appointing a player-manager. The option will be given to them by Ally Robert-son, the Wolverhampton cap-tain and defender, who intends to apply for the next left vacent

news programme. Bannister's physical challenge on Osman, which sparked a retaliation and dismissal for than anywhere else. I've been in the area for a long time and with my playing days coming to an end, I have to be interested."

Robertson, aged 36, has an escape clause in his contract following the episode almost a year ago when the manager, Graham Turner, stopped him taking the player-manager job at Exeter

The Walsalt chairman, Barrie Blower, yesterday dismissed suggestions that Terry Yorath, the Swansca manager and part-time manager of Wales, was being lined up to replace Coakley.

Blower said: "Terry Yorath Chris Coleman, the Swansea full back, has attracted the sttention of Manchester United, a month after a £150,000 bid by has never been spoken to by any member of the board and his name has not been mentioned at board meetings." Yorath. whose contract at

Chelsea for him was turned down. Swansea may find it hard to resist United's cash, if their Swansea expires in July and is vest to sign a new one, was playing down the speculation over Walsall yesterday. offer is substantially higher than Chelsea's.

Lindsay (Lancashire), the North's most promising player, scored first and, together with thing, my name comes up from time to time when managers' jobs are available," he said. her county colleague, Christina Cullen, fell into the goal with the ball for the second. It was refreshing to see a young player so determined to score.

The Swansea chairman, Doug Sharpe, said: "The directors are completely behind Terry. We RESULTS: Seniors: Miclands 5, North 3; East 2, West 2, Under-21: North 2, South 0; West 4, Midlands 2. Lack of money prevents Wales from converting Yorath's post to a full-time appointment once his Swansea contract

England have plan for success By Sydney Friskin

By Sydney Finskin The Hockey Association, governing body of the game in England, is about to begin an exercise in logistics, not too complicated but, according to the HA presideat, Phil Appleynrd, comprehensive enough to make the coming year one of the most exciting in its history. This will lead to Eng-land baving a side at the World Cup in Labore in February 1990, which, Appleyard believes, will be even stronger than the team which won a silver medal at Willesden in 1986. Taking a broader view. money to do that, much as we all wish we could." The Welsh are negotiating a compensation payment from the English FA for television rights, which could amount to fights, which could amount \$100.000. Evans said: "That money will evans said: "That money will not enable us to go anywhere except close to breaking even. It certainly would not enable us to offer him the job full-time, which would probably cost us an extra £30,000 a year. We have always said we would like to revert to a full-time appoint-ment, and Terry would have to

Taking a broader view, Appleyard said: "We must look at the game with a dual purpose, to keep international squads at the top to attract support from the media and sponsors, without meglecting the lower levels of the game. Unless we look after the grassroots there isn't any future. be the front-runner if we ever had the money to do it."

"In our build-up to the 1990 World Cup, we have the best possible programme, which has already started with a search into the role of indoor bockey, bearing in mind the lessening of interest in other countries."

 The former Arsenal fullback. Kenny Sansom, makes a quick return to north London when England now has one squad for both the indoor and outdoor Newcastle United visit White Hari Lane to play Tottenham Hotspur oa Saturday. He said: "I know I will get plenty of stick as usual from the game, and after the indoor season is over in March, it will go to Amsterdam, where it will play against the Netherlands and India at both senior and under 21 kord under-21 level. Tonenham supporters. But

Monday's game and victory at Sheffield Wednesday has done wonders for me. and Saturday cannot come fast enough as far Early in June, England will have three matches at home against Australia and in the

same month go on to the Champions' Trophy tournament in Berlin, where they will play as Great Britain.

Then, in October, they will take part in the Lada Inter-national Classic, nt Luton, to which three of the top six teams in the world will be invited. Some time in November, Eng-

land will meet West Germany at home in one match of the new nome in one match of the new three nations' tournament (or-ganized along the lines of rug-by's five nations' tournament) and later play The Netherlands, probably in Amsterdam, in their second game in this event. In homemory in Darameter Second between, in December, England

will take part in a hot weather tournament abroad, all part of Appleyard's ideal approach to The Amsterdam tournament

in March will give the England inder-21 squad an opportunity to prepare for the Junior World Cup. They are also plann trip to Spain and will play several other international matches before going to lpoh, Malaysia, for the Cup, which starts on August 5. On the domestic front, the

On the domestic front, the Ponndstretcher National League will reach its climax on April 1 with the League Cup final at Laton. By that time, the semi-finals and final of the Nationwide Anglia Cup will have been completed (at Chigwell on March 12), and the-final stages of the Nationwide Youth Cup tonnament will be played at Coventry on May 6 and 7. At the same time the

county championship final will be beld at Dercham.

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"Regardless of what some "Regardless of what some people may say, I think the county championship should re-main an integral part of our scenario, but I feel it shauld be organized on the national rather thas a regional basis," Appleyard said. He believes that the sole of the divisional tours the role of the divisional tour-nament should be reviewed,

Sticking to the job: O'Neill, of the Midlands (left), gets the better of Gordon, of the North

although he does not think it should be discontinued. Between the Hockey Associ-ation and the All-England Womens Hockey Association (AEWHA) there are 10 dev-(ALWHA) incre are to dev-elopment officers scattered over the country, mainly in the inner cities, all established during the last 15 months and funded by a variety of sources such as the Sports Connell, local authorities authorities.

This is an effective way for hildren to be introduced to the this is an energive way for children to be introduced to the game and David Whitaker, the director of coaching, with his team of regional coaches, can give clubs help when a coach is conired. "One of our aims is to develop

a school of Olympic possibles for 1996, to make sure there is of outstanding ability reaching Olympic standards, the same principle applying to 1992," Appleyard said.

All this activity at youth level involves the bringing together of the English Schoolboys' HA with the schools and youth committee of the HA. "A num-

ber of schools play hockey but are not yet part of the hockey establishment, and we are trying to get them into it, which is why we are expanding Whitaker's organization," Appleyard said.

three years.

figure which Appleyard esti-mates will exceed 250 by 1990, with local anthorities, schools and clubs all joining in the

We must exploit our success but maintain our integrity."

Appleyard supparts the establishment of n national hockey centre (an announcement on the venue is expected within four months), with international

matches likely to be staged on the association's own artificial pitch 18 months later. The whole project, together with a second artificial pitch should be completed, he estimates, within

The rapid growth in the use of synthetic pitches continues: there are now more than 150 artificial pitches in England, n

expansion scheme.

Success in the international field by Great Britain and England has brought about n boom in sponsorship which, from a total of £20,000 in 1985.

is now more than £400,000 a year. The president concluded: "We have to build a strong pro-fessional staff in Worcester for

training and London for general administration " Although we are still an amateur sport there should be no objection to approaching our task in a professional manner.

SKIING Competitions a

Garmisch-Partenkirchen (AP)-Lack of snow and mild weather here has forced two men's World Cup downhills and a

super giant slalom scheduled for January 6 to 8 to be called off. The races will be moved to Laax, Switzetland, Heinz Kreeck, an international Ski

course without any snow. One of the downhill races in

One of the downlin faces in Garmisch was supposed to re-place a race in Val d'Isere, which was called off earlier this month because of a blizzard. Last year, organizers also had to cancel the Garmisch races for lack of show.

ling Marler Estates and Crest cannot come has chough as hi as I am concerned." • Andy Blair, the midfield player, has joined Naxxar Lions, in Malta, after spending less than two months with North-ampton Town. He joined North-FA Cup draw Homes to make full disclosure of all documents connected with The draw far the fourth round of their development lease at Stamford Bridge, which is disthe FA Cup will be made live on the BBC's Breakfast Time teleputed by Chelsea. "Marter Estates also lost their ramme at 7.45 a.m. on Monday, January 9. application for an early trial of

Court rulings favour Bates

Both Waiford and Leeds had

a player sent off in Blackburu's last two matches. Mackay said: "Is it now considered the done thing to get wellied into Black-

"We are not a physical side

ength of referees to stamp out

and we have to rely on the

loul play early enough in a game

to stop it getting any worse."

hurn Rovers?

• Dave Bassett, the Sheffield United manager, has lost in-lerest in signing John Cornwell, the Newcastle United defender.

could not raise a side because of

Charlion Athletic and owned at Despite Bassett's profit in trans-ler deals, he is unlikely to pay the asking price. Bassett has also ended with Harlepool United because with Harlepool United because their first choice goalkeeper, Paul Cooper, has had stitches in a knee wound.

Leicester hope to have Coo-per fu for the home match with Blackburn Rovers on Saturday, forwards are very much part of ager. Don Mackay, fears that his but with Martin Hodge recover-

ampion on a free transfer from Aston Villa in October but only · Harlow Town have been exmade one full appearance. Harlow Town have been expelled from the FA Vase for failing to turn up for their third round replay at Tilbury. The Vauxhall Opel division two side pulled out of the match on December 20 four hours before the kick-off claiming they entid nut miss a side because of

with a chipped ankle bone. Glentoran, who have scored seven goals in their last two games, play Linfield in a top of the table clash on January 7.

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ing from a stomach operation they need Muggleton for cover.

 Robert Codner, the Brighton midfield player, will be out of action for at least two months Canizales, who won the title from Kelvin Seabrooks, also of

the United States, o year ago. • SINGAPORE (AP): The IBF sinvGAPORE (APF the for junior-bantamweight cham-pion, Ellyas Pical, of Indonesia, will defend his title here against Mike Phelps, of the United States, or February 24. 10 2 2 8 11 28 10 2 1 7 10 22 9 1 3 5 11 21

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Lake Tahoe, over 12 rounds. Canizales, aged 22, of Texas, has won 21 of 23 bouts while Duarte is in the veteran stage with 47 victories from 55 contests. It will a second defence for

CURREE CUP: Johanasabutg: Transvaal 232 and 184 for Bide; Nami 94 and 188. Transvaal won by 134 runs. Port Elizabath: Easure Province 251 and 171 for 7 dos; Oranga Free State 135 and 98 (T G Shaw 9 for 12). Easyon Province won by 189 runs. Capa Towne Western Province 255 and 278 for 4 dac (T N Lazard 90 not out, Lawrence South 28); Northern Transvaal 250 and 250 for runs (Mika Randel 109). Match drawn.

FOR THE RECORD BOWLS

From the entries, they will compose a shortlist of people who will be checked for their suitability to ron 26 miles, 385 yards and the authenticity of their chosen campaign. When the shortlist has been examined, we will publish the names of the 12 winners and their causes. Each will be featured in The Times. The judges' decision is final.

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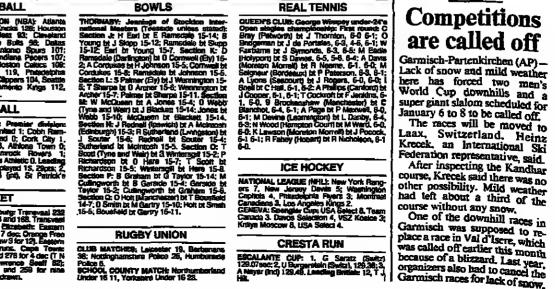
Sponsor is = needed to save event

By Richard Eaton

The English national champion-ships will collapse unless a last moment appeal for sponsorship by the Badminton Association of England raises £15,000 within the next week. The threat to this successful 25-year-old event comes as a shock, and all the more so because of its extraordinary timing.

This year's championships are already guaranteed one hour of regional television and two hours on TVS, and in the last three years they have enjoyed arguably the most successful tournaments ever. These in-volved some highly creative Channel Four television, some superb matches, and an innovative sponsorship from Carlsberg, the Danish lager company which has moved up to sponsor the World Grand Prix event, the Carlsberg Classic.

The national championships, scheduled for February 4 to 7, also have the excellent promo-tion vehicle of the rivalry be-tween the European champion, Darren Hall, and the Common-wealth champion, Steve Baddeley.



BOXING Canizales to defend title Stateline, Nevada (AP) - Or-lando Canizales, the Inter-national Boxing Federation (IBF) bantamweight champion will defend his title on January 15 against Frankie Duarte, of California, at Caesars Hotel,

BASKETBALL NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (NEA)- Atlanta Hawka 128, New York Knotis 132: Housson Rochats 101, Mamu Heat 93: Canedrand Cavedras 107, Chicago Bulls 94: Datas Mawatcks 110, San Antono Spurs 107: Mawatchas Bucks 120, Indiana Pejeers 107: Denver Nuggers 130. Boston Catecs 108: Golden Settle Warrhors 119, Printedephina Terrs 112; Los Angeles Cappers 104, Seattle Supersonics 100; Sectamento Krigs 112, Portland Trailbiszers 111.

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END COLUMN Leaders rise on tide of mediocrity British bobs

By Peter Ball

"The worst first division I can remember," Bob Paisley said early this year, as Liverpool led the League by the proverbial street. Nearly 12 months later, Norwich City lead the most wide-open championship race in years, with one eminent critic even suggesting that Tottenham Hotspur, presently eleventh, are worth a bet. The supporters, if not flocking back in droves, are returning in significant numbers.

Whether that signifies that all is well is another matter. Having been in the northwest, where, in the past, I have been spoiled, perhaps I have been unlucky in what I have seen this year - injuries have undermined Liverpool, and both Everton and Manchester United have showing little style - hut it is hard to avoid twice. In the Mercantile Credit the conclusion that the greater equality arises from mass mediocrity.

Liverpool have given a few brilliant performances, and if I to go and they changed their have been generally unlucky tactics and began playing with Arsenal. Tottenham have longer balls which worked. produced flashes of brilliance and Norwich have looked a neat, positive side.

of greater tactical experi-mentation, with in as well, so I think they will

Southampton's abandonment of the traditional front player in favour of two quick flank players, Tottenham's flexible system, and a group of clubs using a sweeper. But it is not much to balance against the evident decline in basic ability.

"The standard is very average," according to Peter Shreeve, the Queen's Park Rangers assistant manager. one of the most forward looking and imaginative coaches. "Norwich have a lot of poise on the ball, they are all comfortable with it and they are a closely knit team, which gives them a lot of strength. Shreeve: average standard But the two teams who have win the championship, alimpressed me the most have

been Arsenal and Liverpool there. and in the end the championship will go to one of them. "We have played Arsenal match they were outstanding, playing one-twos all over the field. In the League we were winning 1-0 with 20 minutes

tactics. They score a lot of eat, positive side. goals, they get their goals from There have also been signs all through the team, and

"So they are flexible in their



Wilkinson: better coaching

now the quality of coaches has though Liverpool will also be been far in excess of what we are entitled to expect given the

training we give them - or don't give them." Wilkinson, Howard Wilkinson, who voluntarily moved out of the first division to take over at a former FA staff coach, said. Leeds United. is more circum-The quality of the material spect: "I thought Liverpool the coaches are having to work last season were the best side I on is another matter. Wilkinson said: "We are faced had seen since the days of the great Liverpool-Leeds rivalry with a prohlem that we are and the Arsenal double side, producing fewer and fewer players of exceptional talent." so if you are using them as the His view is shared by barometer 10 judge the others you are setting the standard very, very, high." Shreeve: "Apart from the top few. I don't think any teams

Both observers agreed that have seven or eight quality on the coaching and tactical players these days. Coming sides the game is maintaining back in the coach from away matches, you ask 'who did you its standards. "For a while

First division skill.'

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"What we are saying." rate from their team? and you Shreeve said, "is that if you get only four or five names. are fit and strong and can get The rest are hard-working, up and down the field you can very fit, athletic footballers. play in the first division." but there aren't too many who The result is the game we can actually change a game. see: 22 highly trained and well "The biggest prohlem is finding the time and space in coached athletes, but little 10

make you catch your breath. "Generally the best players we come across are the velerans." Shreeve said. "Jimmy Case, of Southampton, for example. And Trevor Francis has had a very good season for us."

Pressed for the names of and it is only in the last 25 minutes that yon begin to get the time and space to make your skill count because legs are getting tired. But if you don't get it right in the first half-hour, you are too far

behind from the first phase to scorer Alan Melnally, who he ever catch up and use your described as "a Roy of the

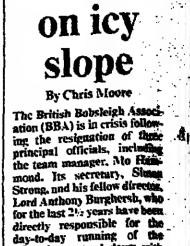
strength and fitness equipped you for the third division Ham United. north, skill for the for the first It hardly constitutes a new division. Those days, apparently, have gone, and players

wave, and in any case Wilkinson advised caution, "We moving up a division find are getting to the stage where any youngster of 19 who is just above average is being highlighted as a rising star." Norwich's position at the

top of the first division does not impress the bookmakers. BBA, have stood down with City Index rate Norwich no more than fourth favourites at 12-1.

ODDS: First division: evens: Arsenal; 2-1: Liverponi: 7-1: Eventon; 12-1: Norwich City: 25-1: Manchester United: 50-1 Tottenham Hotspur, Millwall, Nottingham For-est: 65-1: Coventry City, Derby County, FA Cup: 4-1: Liverpool; 10-1: Arsenal, Eventon, Manchester United, Nottingham Forest; 14-1: Tottenham: 20-1: Coventry; 25-1: Astor Vila, Middlesbrough, Nor-wich, Sheffield Wednesday; 33-1: Derby, Millwall, Southampton, West Ham Unitad; 50-1: Others. Littlewoods Cup: 5-2: Nottingham Forest; 5-1: Luton Town, West Ham; 6-1: Southampton, Aston Villa; 8-1:

6-1: Southampton, Aston Villa; 8-1: Queen's Park Rangers; 10-1: Bradford City, 33-1: Bristol City.



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him. The common denominator behind all three resignations is an acute cash shortage caused hy the lack of a major sponso and an unexpected 75 per cent. reduction in the annual subsidy the BBA receives from the Sports Council. The situation is so serious it

could also prevent two of Britain's top three drivers, Nick Phipps, who carried the British flag at the opening ceremoay of the Winter Olym pic Games in Calgary in February, and Tom De La Hunty, from competing in next month's European championships in Winterberg and at the world championships in Cortina.

Phipps gained Britain's highest finish in the world championships for over 20 years when he came sixth in both the two and four-man competitions in St Moritz two years ago.

He has already gone deep into debt over the first two months of the season and admitted last night: "Unless I can secure some individual sponsorship within the next week or so, my season is as good as over."

Only the military team is secure

The same applies to De La Hunty, who was runner-up to Mark Tout in this season's Britisb four-man championships. However, Tout and his military crew have no such problems because the Army team has its own substantial backing from Save and Prosper and Wincanton.

This has inevitably led to a feeling in some civilian circles. particularly last season, that the Army were operating almost as a team within a team.

Griffiths adds his protest to rebels over card scheme

By John Goodbody

Sir Eldon Griffiths, the former Minister for Sport, yesterday the working party included a joined the growing number of representative from the Asso-rebel Tory MPs who are ciation, of Police Officers opposed to the Government's (ACPO). In any case, he would controversial Bill that from point out that many senior next season would make it and experienced officers feel compulsory for all football that the identity card scheme supporters to carry identity is worth introducing to try to cards.

Sir Eldon, the Conservative cesses are curbed only by MP for Bury St Edmunds, elaborate policing costing the warned that he was "looking taxpayer more than £30 milfor drastic amendments to be made by the Standing Commiltee - otherwise it will not work". He also said that "unless such changes are made. I should find it hard to support the Bill on Third

Moynihan would argue that halt booliganism, whose ex-

lion a year. The working party recom-mended that a Football Membership Authority (FMA) should be established to co-ordinate the scheme and critics have been figures from grant membership cards. But

applauds the steps that clubs like loswich have taken". However, the criticisms of Sir Eldon, who is uniquely experienced in the affairs of both sport and the police, is a severe rebuff to the Government, which is planning to introduce the Bill into the House of Lords in January.

Even after Moyniban last month addressed a joint meeting of the Conservative backbench sports and

environmeot committees, it was clear that the Government faced a substantial rebellion over the Bill. Among the both wings of the party,



which to play. It's a threephase game now. The first half-hour is a battle, a question of having the sheer physical effort to keep yourselves in the game. "Then it becomes a game of cat and mouse, waiting for the other side to make a mistake,

young players who might emerge, both Shreeve and Wilkinson could come up with only a limited list. Wilkinson admired Paul Gascoigne and Michael Thomas. Shreeve added Paul Stewart and Aston Villa's leading goal-

Rovers player, a 400 metres In a telling remark, Shreeve runner with the power to keep referred to one player, going. a bit ol outstanding in the lower di- arrogance Wilkinson convisions, as "a good passer, but curred. Shreeve also praised not strong enough for the first lan Crook - "who has bridged division". In days past, the gap, because he was a weak lad at Tottenham" - Stuart McCall and Paul Ince, of West

Reading

in a letter to Patrick Cobbold, the chairman of lpswich Town, Sir Eldon, the consultant/adviser to the National Police Federation, said that he shared the Federation's misgivings that the "report of the Minister for Sport's working party was a 'mishmash'".

Sir Eldon criticizes Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, for being "unwise" not to agree to the Police Federation's request to have discussions about the practicalities of the scheme. "He would have learned a lot hy listening to them."

Christie

supports

Johnson

Linford Christic expressed hope vesterday that Ben John-son would be given a chance

to resume his shattered athlet-

ics career. Britain's fastest

sprimer said it would never be

known if the Canadian, who was stripped of his Olympic

100 metres gold medal and world record for taking ana-

bolic steroids, had been used

Christic, who was himself at

the centre of a drugs drama in

Seoul before his name was

cleared, added: "People mur-

der people and they've come

off with less. It would be nice

Johnson, who is back in

international rules. That could

be extended to life by Ca-

nadian officials who are in-

Christie, who collected two

sisted in a BBC radio sport

interview: "We'll never know

whether he was made a scape-

goat." But Christic, who has

never disguised his friendship

with the Canadian, recom-

mends mercy for Johnson,

added: "Anyone caught after

this should be banned for life

- and I think life should be life."

The Thames Valley Harrier,

aged 28, also had some harsh

words for Olympic chiefs. "I

think the IOC [International

Olympic Committeel have

also got to get their house in

order and make sure that

nothing like this ever happens

again." he said.

vestigating his case.

to sive him another chance."

as a "scapegoat" in Scoul.

Sir Eldon says the FMA promises to be "an expensive including Sir Rhodes Boyson and Robert Hicks. and cumbersome quango to The final details of the Bill which the police ought not to

supply criminal records". Sir Eldon, who was Conservarive Minister for Sport between 1970-74, said that be believes the Government is quite right to bring in further legislation but he does not like many of the details of the Bill.

He also tells the chairman of Ipswich Town that he does not agree that the Football League has done enough to tackle the prohlem of hooliganism, although he "recognizes and opposed.

Toleman and Lee

escape injury

From Jeremy Hart. Tozenr

Ted Toleman and Barry Lee naissance a month of two ago

narrowly avoided serious in- and it will be a nice stage for

jury on the untimed leg of the us, with a litle hut of every-

Paris 10 Dakar rally between

Tunis and Tozeur yesterday.

windscreen and the navi-

gator's windnw. Toleman,

read his map at the time, was

cut on his face, and Barry Lee

suffered cuis to his face and

hands. "Ted told me to stop,"

Lee said. "But we had to keep

tish rallying veteran, also suf-fered at the hands of

spectators lining the 250-mile route. He said:"I have got

chips on the front of my car.

kids, but not for us."

Andrew Cowan, the Scot-

going".

training in Toronto while he hut nothing too serious."

who was leaning forward to

have yet to be announced, but so concerned has Moynihan been to gain support for the most important piece of legislation ever directly to affect Britain's most popular sport that he circularized MPs before the Christmas recess with an explanation of why the scheme must be brought in

thing." Ari Vatanen is con-

during the 1989-90 season. Tom Pendry, the Labour MP for Stalybridge and Hyde, also circularized MPs with his views wby it should be

Gripping encounter: Bates, of Leicester, is tackled by Mesnel, of the Barbarians, in the match at Welford Road yesterday

Campese leaves his trademark

The Barbarians were outstanding value for their

best win at Welford Road for

over a decade, despite the loss

of Hall, the Cambridge University centre, with a bruised checkbone which re-

quired an X-ray. His exodus

just after the interval caused

Rhys Williams, a Barbarian

committeeman and chairman

of the Welsh selectors, a

flicker of concern with only a

week to go before the national

looking thin.

By David Hands Rugby Correspondent

Leicester. 19 Barbarians . 36

It took until the fourth minute of injury-time before the crowd of 17,160 at Leicester yesterday were able to enjoy the sight of David Campese crossing for a try in his Barbarian debut but when be did they greeted it with the rapture normally reserved for

fident of repeating his success their own men. It is an indication of the A youth threw a brick at in the 1987 rally. He said: "It's Toleman's car, breaking the too early for any real competstature this great player has attained throughout the itiveness yet, but we have been lucky so far after getting our 21-minute penalty back." world. "Give the ball to the Australian" came an appeal The 308km stage across the midway through the second Libyan border will mark a half, when he had exerted less significant publicity coup for than his normal influence Colonel Gadaffi, who is exupon this annual Christmas pected to greet the compet-itors in Sabha on Friday. The fixture, and as the crowd drifted away, well satisfied despite the defeal of Leicester rally will be the first major sporting event held in Libya by four goals and three tries to a goal, a try and three penalty goals, he was still signing sprinted in from 40 metres. autographs for his young

Channel 4 News.

international scene".

• The rally claimed its first victims on the African contiadmirers. nent yesterday when two spectators were injured after being

waits to learn whether he will Ullrich Brehmner, the hit by a competitor (AFP be banned for good from the Mitsubishi team manager. reports). sport, is automatically sus- said that the stone-throwing pended for two years under was an occupational hazard They were knocked over by the Suzuki motorbike of Henri for competitors in the Paris to Dakar. "It's a game for the Hudelot, of France, who went off the road after missing a

for many years.

bend on the 470km connect-Cowan's colleague, the former Formula One driver. ing stage from Tunis. Both spectators were taken to hos-Patrick Tambay, predicted pital, one with a broken leg silver medals in Scoul, in that the first competitive stage and the other suffering from, to Libya on Thursday will put concussion. Hudelot escaped the ill-prepared entries to their with only minor facial first real test of the fally. "I was here on a reconhruising.

Oawi is a former world

and and the second s

Hired help for Bruno

Frank Bruno will employ two "They are a close thing to Tyson, if you can ever get that cruiserweights as sparring parters before his February 25 close," Lawless said vesterday. bout with Mike Tyson for the light-heavyweight and world heavyweight championship in Las Vegas.

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cruiscrweight champion while Bruno's manager, Тспу Cooper was set to assist Bruno Lawless, helieves that Dwight in London before the contest Muhammad Qawi and Bert was moved to the United Cooper, both Americans, are States. Bruno and Lawless the boxers whose styles best plan to leave for America next approximate the champion's. week.



Jacobs: busy schedule

Ring remedy Iran appeal

Nicosia (Reuter) - Iranians Mark Ring, the Cardiff and Wales rugby union centre, will bave been told to play more undergo an operation on his sport. The parliamentary injured right knee this speaker, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, told a meeting of morning. Iran's leading sportsmen that

The surgeon, John Fairclough, said: "We have to find out first more attention should be paid to sport "not only for a livelier the extent of the damage to his and healthier nation, but to knee. We won't know that until we go in. We should bring pride for Iran in the know by lunchtime."

chance has gone, there is no longer a midfield presence to frighten opponents, certainly not those of yesterday's quality which included in Mesnel a conversion, gave Leicester a 9-6 advantage. But by the interplayer capable of wresting val they were trailing 16-9 and

possession from forwards or backs and creating chances for Evans was confirming what be already knew, that Campese's his own side. Twice Leicester introduced Underwood from gifts in defence are almost as the blind side and twice he lost unlimited as those he posthe ball to the Frenchman and sesses in attack. the Barbarians scored from One spectator chose to celebrate Christmas at half-time

squad flies to Valencia for a over 60 metres. concentrated training week-end and the midfield already The Leicester scrum held up well enough but their lineout faded badly in the second half and, despite a strong game by Wells, it was Calder and Before he departed, Hall gave an indication of his quality when he scored the try Hodgson who caught the eye with some splendid support work. Another debutant to which gave the Barbarians a lead they were not to lose. Like so many of their scores it came enjoy himself was Thresher, who never looks better than from the deep, as Leicester proved unable to press home when he is coming forward; it their initial territorial advanwas be who gave the Barbarians the best of starts by tage, and featured a delightful dummy which baffled the running a poor kick by Cusworth from his own line, supporting Calder, and then defence as the powerful centre The reigning Courage Clubs champions are not the force pursuing Lafond's kick as the ball squirmed away from

they were, the eye for the half Cusworth at the other end of the field.

Kardooni, who is growing

by climbing to a crossbar for a

whisky, generously offering

Campese a swallow though the Australian had no need of

struggled over in the corner to

put his side within a score of

in confidence, stretched over for a try which, with Hare's

with individuals

However, Hammond will be Cortina.

elected honorary secretary of the BBA, said yesterday that British bobsleighing is in its most precarious position for a long time. "It's not quite yet a matter of life or death," he said. "But it's true we are struggling to keep our heads above water at the moment.

available the priority has to be to put out as many teams as possible, and at the same time attempt to broaden our base to unearth the drivers of the 1990s.

"We could no longer have afforded a full-time manager with all the expense involved of keeping him on the Continent. The money is just not there any more. For the time being we are back to the days of looking for people with a sufficient interest in the sport to help out at their own expense

"Losing the almost foll-time services of Simon Strong and Anthony Burgbersh is an obvious blow, although like Mo Hammond, both will be staying on the committee,

"We have three or four months to decide in which direction we go from here. By then we will have to pat something together for a good few years because we won't have the usual full that occurs the season after an Olympics for another seven years, due to the fact that there will be Winter Games staged in both 1992 and 1994."

the WBC International welterbout with Rocky Kelly.

Singh Siddhu, is "yet to be apprehended" after being acrash and negligent act," police confirmed yesterday.

Midnight run

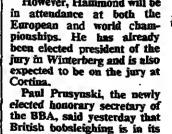
Sue Crehan, of Sale Harriers, a member of the British Olympic marathon team, and Nigel Adams, of Swansea Harriers, are favourites to win the Nos Galan 10,000 metres road race on New Year's Eve.

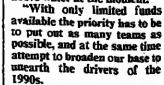
AS UN moment Tout's is the only full- # time British crew on the circuit, which effectively leaves the manager without a team to manage. Hammond, who had the

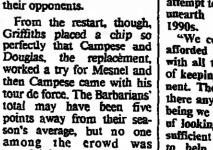
distinction of becoming the first Britisb president of an Olympic jury in Calgary, took charge of the British team for the last time at the recent World Cup event in Sarajevo.

"After nine years in the joh I'm obviously disappointed it has to end like this," he said. "But the fact remains that due to a lack of money we have only one viable team, which is from the Army, and naturally enough they want to run it themselves. It's their ball game at the moment ."

Funding now lies





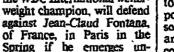


points away from their season's average, but no one among the crowd was complaining.

COTINPLATING, Internet Press, Kardoonl, Evans, Couversient Hare, Penalties, Hare (3). Berhaniares' Tries: Mesnel (2). Thresher, Hall, Lafond, Calder, Campesa Conversions: Lafond (4). LEICESTER: W Hare; B Evans, P Dodge (captain), I Bates, R Underwood; L Cauworth, A Kardooni, S Redfern, C Tressler, W Richardson, J Weits, M Phil, T Smith, Ingo: A Marrich, M Grant. BARBARIANE: S Threater (Harlequing) J-B Lafond (Racing Chab de France and Prance), M Hall (Cantuch de France), J Grittma (Lanell and Wales); A Brewster (Stewart's Mohile FP and Scotland), I Watkins (Ether Viels and Wales), a Brewster (Stewart's Mohile FP and Scotland), J Probyn (Washs and England), S Hodg-son (Viels of Line); N Redman (Berh and England), F Actione (Hanequare and England), F Actione (Hanequare and England), F Calder (Stewart's Mohile FP and Scotland), M Tangue (Calcuester and England), F Calder (Stewart's Mohile FP and Scotland), M Calder (Stewart's Mohile FP



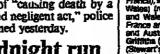
England). Referes: C.High (Manchester).



Murder case

against Jean-Claud Fontana, of France, in Paris in the Spring if he emerges unscathed from his February

Chandigarh, India (AP) - The Indian Test cricketer, Navjot cused of "causing death by a



Jacobs date Gary Jacobs, from Glasgow,

extra fire in his belly. Lafond and Calder scored tries around Hare's second penalty but Leicester were by no means finished: Hare

kicked another penalty, Cusworth's diagonal ball squirted wickedly away from Underwood with the defence beaten and Evans finally